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Bommai to present Budget today

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BENGALURU

With Assembly elections around the corner, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai is set to present the BJP government's last Budget, widely expected to be aimed at pleasing all sections of society, on Friday.

With the Opposition already making a slew of promises if elected to power in the elections in April-May, Mr. Bommai, who also holds the Finance portfolio, is expected to take a no-holds-barred approach in making promises.

Budget outlay will likely cross ₹3 lakh crore, with Karnataka's economy in resurgence.

Mr. Bommai may present a revenue-surplus Budget after two years of revenue-deficit Budgets under the shadow of the pandemic.

Mr. Bommai had earlier this week tweeted that the State collected a record ₹6,085 crore as GST in January 2023.

86% polling in Tripura amid sporadic violence

Reports of threats, intimidation and assault emerge from Santirbazar, Hrishyamukh, Sonamura, Teliamura and Majlishpur Assembly constituencies; counting of votes to take place on March 2

The Hindu Bureau
AGARTALA/GUWAHATI

Sporadic incidents of violence, alleged booth jamming and intimidation marred the election to the 60-member Tripura Assembly on Thursday.

Over 86% of the 28.14 lakh voters exercised their franchise, as per provisional data at 11.30 p.m. Officials said the final turnout could exceed the 89.38% recorded in 2018. Chief Electoral Officer Kirankumar Dinkarrao Gitte said there were long queues at many of the 3,327 polling stations in the State, making it difficult for the officials to wrap up within the time frame. Votes will be counted on March 2.

Several incidents of violence were reported from across the State, with all political parties accusing their rivals of trying to disturb the peace. Tripura Inspector-General of Police G.S. Rao said six people were arrested in connection with five complaints of physical assault.

Choice registered: Voters show their inked fingers after casting their vote at a booth in North Tripura district on Thursday. PTI

Agents attacked

A few members of political parties, including two Communist Party of India (Marxist) polling agents, were injured in attacks at different places. Amit Kumar Bhowmik, election agent of the Left Front candidate Ratan Bhowmik, who is contesting from the Kakraban-Salgarh constituency in Gomati district, was critically injured in one of these incidents, and referred to G.B.P. Hospital in Agartala. In the Khayerpur constituency, Left Front candidate Pabitra Kar narrowly escaped when miscreants attacked his vehicle. The vehicle was badly damaged.

Officials said there were some "minor incidents", which included six complaints of disturbance over the functioning of electronic voting machines (EVM), eight cases of obstruction of political supporters, and three cases of obstruction of political agents. There were reports of threats, intimidation and assault from the Santirbazar, Hrishyamukh, Sonamura, Teliamura and Majlishpur constituencies.

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States must pay part of MGNREGS wages, says Union Minister

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

The financial burden of wages to the beneficiaries of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) should also be shouldered by the State governments, in order to make them more proactive in controlling corruption, Union Rural Development Minister Giriraj Singh said on Thursday, in response to a query from *The Hindu*.

Speaking on the sidelines of a press conference in Delhi, Mr. Singh said the MGNREGS should not be treated as a regular employment scheme, as it is only meant to be a fallback mechanism for those who could not find employment anywhere else.

Asked about the ongoing dharna by MGNREGS workers at the Jantar Mantar, demanding withdrawal of the mobile phone app-based attendance capturing system, the Minister reiterated that the government cannot compromise on transparency.

Giriraj Singh

Aadhaar link

Academics and activists working under the umbrella body of the NREGA Sangarsh Morcha expressed alarm over the Ministry's latest order, which makes Aadhaar-based payment of wages mandatory. According to the Ministry's own data, this will exclude 57% of the active workers.

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Metro corridor to be built above flyover

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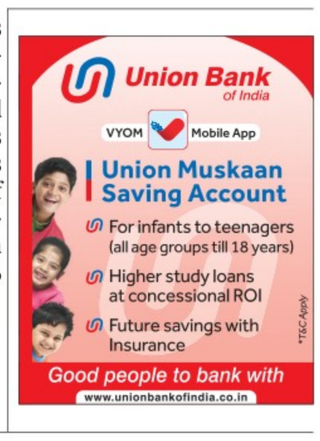
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Selling wheat from buffer stock to boost local supply

3.85 In lakh tonnes, the amount of wheat sold by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) to bulk consumers in the second round of e-auction with more than 1,060 bidders participating. Last month, the government announced plans to sell 30 lakh tonnes of wheat in the open market under the Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS). PTI

Oil and Natural Gas Corporation, Oil India see a rise in shares

5 In percentage, the rise in shares of both Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Oil India after the government reduced the levy on domestically-produced crude in line with the softening of international oil prices. ONGC stock rallied 5.66% to settle at ₹155.85 apiece on the BSE, while shares of Oil India jumped 5.21% to end at ₹260.50 each. PTI

The existing PAs who can continue as online payment aggregators

54 The number of entities that can continue to operate as Online Payments Aggregators (PAs), according to the list published by the RBI. This includes Amazon (Pay) India, Google India Digital Services, and Zomato Payments. To ensure transparency, the RBI published the list of entities, as of February 15, that submitted applications seeking authorisation to act as online PAs. PTI

Instagram has the most complaints against influencers

2,767 The number of complaints processed by the Advertising Standards Council of India since coming up with influencer guidelines in May 2021. More than half of the violations were found on Instagram, while Alphabet's Youtube contributed to a third of them, the self-regulatory organisation for the advertising industry said. PTI

Scandinavian country Norway sends aid to war-torn Ukraine

7.4 In $ billion, the amount to be donated by the Norway Parliament to Ukraine, as part of a five-year support package, making Norway one of the biggest donors to the war-torn country. The money will be split evenly between humanitarian and military assistance over five years, broken down to 15 billion kroner annually. AP

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Mapping General Pervez Musharraf's legacy

President Musharraf wanted to do what no other Pakistan leader was able to do till that time, to make India agree to Pakistan's position that the J&K issue was the primary cause of India-Pakistan problems. However, the question is whether Musharraf was really interested in building a viable relationship with India who he viewed as an eternal threat

WORLD INSIGHT

Vivek Katju

Man in uniform: Pakistan General Pervez Musharraf at a news conference in Islamabad on March 23, 2000. AP

About an hour into Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's first one-on-one conversation with Army Chief and self-appointed President of Pakistan, General Pervez Musharraf, in July 2001 at Agra, the enormous difference between the approaches, wisdom and stature of the two were becoming increasingly apparent. While the former was deeply invested in overcoming bilateral differences of the past and taking the relationship into constructive and productive channels, the latter was fixated on India acknowledging that the Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) issue lay at the root of all difficulties between the two countries.

In this conversation, and in others, between them in Agra, the General's single-minded instincts – perhaps honed during his years as an army commando – were always getting the better of him. He wanted to return to Pakistan and show his people that he had achieved what no other Pakistan leader had ever done: he had made India to implicitly, if not explicitly, agree to Pakistan's position that the J&K issue was the primary cause of India-Pakistan problems. Ironically, in a speech, some months after becoming the Army Chief of Pakistan, Musharraf had said that India-Pakistan differences would remain even if the J&K issue was resolved because India was a hegemonic power.

For Musharraf, J&K's incorporation into Pakistan was an unfinished agenda of India's Partition. This is also an opinion that was and continues to be widely held in Pakistan. The logical inference which flows from this standpoint is that India-Pakistan ties do not depend on a resolution of the J&K issue alone, and that India must be flexible on all bilateral matters even if it involves sacrificing its own interests.

The Kargil ambition

It is an open question if Musharraf ever overcame the basic thrust of his initial commando training. Certainly, Musharraf's actions in Kargil show his thinking as simplistic and tactical. The entire operation was based on the assumption that India would be unwilling to militarily counter the Pakistan army's occupation of the Kargil heights. The fact that India would undertake all steps required to protect its northern defences was obviously ignored. The General also misread the reaction from major powers. He anticipated that they would pressure India to accept a ceasefire which would enable Pakistan to continue occupying the Kargil heights. Instead, they viewed the Kargil action as immature and irresponsible. Additionally, Musharraf had largely kept Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif in the dark about the connotations of the Kargil enterprise. However, this writer can state with confidence that for a few days Sharif entertained the illusion that Kargil could lead him to becoming 'Fateh-e-Kashmir' (conqueror of Kashmir). It is only when Vajpayee conveyed to him that India would pay any price to defeat Musharraf's intrusion that he realised that he had to seek a way out.

Pakistan was humiliated because of Kargil. Musharraf and Nawaz Sharif fell out and the former began to make plans to oust Sharif. However, he had to proceed circumspectly to assess the attitudes of some corps commanders, because of the inroads that Sharif and his father had made in the top levels of the army. Musharraf and his cronies used trusted businessmen, among other civilians, to contact some of the corps commanders whose loyalty to the Army Chief could not be taken for granted. Sharif's father, popularly called 'abba mian' tried to patch up differences between his elder son and Musharraf but failed. In October 1999, Musharraf took over power and a few months later, Sharif went into exile. However, 'abba mian' continued to live for long periods in his home in Raiwind. Musharraf had always respected him and instructed the General Officer commanding Lahore to ensure his welfare. Musharraf also dismissed DG ISI General Ziauddin Butt who Sharif had appointed as Army Chief.

The gradual decline

Musharraf effectively ruled Pakistan from October 1999, when the army ousted Nawaz Sharif and restored the General to the position of its chief, till late November 2007 when he appointed Ashfaq Kayani as his successor. He continued in office as President of Pakistan till August 2008, after which he quit under threat of impeachment.

Musharraf drew the substance of his power from his position as Army Chief and the moment he handed over the baton to Kayani he became powerless. If Musharraf had hoped that Kayani would help him retain the Presidency, he was sorely disappointed. But he should have known better. The Pakistan Army has always acted as a body corporate. Once a chief leaves, his honour is sought to be protected to all extent possible but he is expected to stop interfering in the army's functioning or in the country's public affairs. Musharraf learnt this to his bitter cost when he tried his hand in politics.

The army did not want him to return to Pakistan to dabble in politics. Kiyani and his successor Raheel Sharif showed their displeasure by not intervening in the judicial processes against Musharraf. At the same time, they did not allow the judicial decisions against him for treason to be implemented. Moreover, Raheel Sharif also prevailed upon Nawaz Sharif to let Musharraf go into exile.

Interestingly, Musharraf regretted overlooking Lt. General Tariq Majeed, and choosing Kayani instead, for the Army Chief's job in 2007. It is not that Majeed would have saved him from his indiscretions but he would have been kinder and gentler to him for Majeed is a gentleman unlike the rough-edged Kayani.

The Indian connect

Musharraf was a Mohajir (a term which refers to muslim migrants from India). His parents moved to Pakistan from Delhi. He also married a Mohajir lady. Being a Mohajir, he had to make a mark in an army dominated by Punjabis. He hid his affinity for his Mohajir colleagues well but those who were in his inner circle knew of his sympathies for some Mohajir officers. While he was a colourful person, he could blend in a social gathering at least till he took over the reins of full power in Pakistan. One of my cousins recall having a pleasant conversation with him during a visit to attend a wedding in Lahore in January or early February of 1999. My cousin did not know that he was talking to the Pakistan Army Chief. It was only later that his host disclosed that he was actually speaking to Musharraf. Musharraf was also known to be a ladies man and some of these relationships were diplomatically significant. However, Musharraf's Mohajir origins did not diminish his negative views about India.

After the failure of the Agra summit, the statesman in Vajpayee remained committed to the normalisation of ties between India and Pakistan. His trip to the Pakistan monument during his Lahore visit in 1999 was not an empty gesture even though the Pakistani generals did not understand its significance just as sixteen years later, on Christmas Day in 2015, they failed to comprehend the importance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's stopover in Lahore to meet Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif. The question is if Musharraf who pledged in January 2004 not to allow territory controlled by Pakistan to be used against India – a commitment which was never kept – and engaged in back-channel talks on J&K and other issues was really interested in building a viable relationship with India who he viewed as an eternal threat. There is no conclusive evidence, certainly not in the public domain, and perhaps not even in the confidential papers about the ultimate outcome of these backchannel talks. There has been talk of a four-point formula which would have inter alia allowed movement between the two sides of the Line of Control and of some mechanisms between the two sides. There is no clarity if these would have been consultative mechanisms or joint mechanisms. The real point is whether these mechanisms would have diluted Indian sovereignty over the erstwhile State of J&K. Indian backchannel negotiators have denied any proposal to compromise on sovereignty. The Pakistanis say, in private conversations, that some crucial issues needed to be ironed out, though Prime Minister Manmohan Singh claimed in his press conference in January 2014, that an agreement had been reached which could not be announced because Musharraf was irretrievably weakened by 2007. In any event the constitutional changes of 2019 have changed the dynamic of Indian approaches to J&K.

The history of political generals

Of the four Army Chiefs who held direct political power in Pakistan, Zia-ul-Haq blew up along with his aircraft in 1988. The mystery of his death has never been solved. The remaining three were compelled to leave office and cut pathetic figures after their exit. Ayub Khan resigned in 1969 and died in 1974 in Islamabad. In these three years he was ignored by the people though he had been supreme leader for eleven years. Yahya Khan, whose drunkard antics caused the break-up of the country, suffered the ignominy of defeat at India's hands. He handed over power in January 1971, to Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and lived on till 1980 but was under house-arrest till a year before his death. And, Pervez Musharraf spent the last six years of his life in exile abroad with a treason conviction over his head. He battled a fatal illness and only his body was brought back to Pakistan to be buried. He died unhonoured and un-mourned. Significantly, all were largely welcomed by the people when they assumed power. Today in Pakistan, when incumbent army chiefs still hold the substance of power in their hands, retired chiefs continue to cut sorry figures once they take off the uniform. The latest to be the target of ignominy is General Qamar Bajwa who retired in November 2022. He is naturally being blamed by former Prime Minister Imran Khan for all of Pakistan's current troubles. But there is no sympathy for him, even among other politicians. And, his successor Asim Munir can be expected to distance himself from Bajwa even if he owes his job to him.

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BMRCL to construct elevated metro corridor above Delmia Circle flyover

This is to avoid demolition of the flyover; metro corridors on major roads are built on the median, but this stretch has no space available for pillars

Suchith Kidiyoor
BENGALURU

To save Delmia Circle flyover at J.P. Nagar, in Phase III of Namma Metro, Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has decided to build the proposed metro corridor above the existing structure.

BMRCL is building a metro corridor from J.P. Nagar 4th phase to Kempapura on Outer Ring Road covering a distance of 32.15 km. This stretch will have 22 stations.

The Delmia Circle flyover is turning out to be a hindrance for construction of the elevated corridor from Vega City Mall side towards Kanakapura Road. The flyover has been built using the median space of the road.

The Delmia Circle flyover is turning out to be a hindrance for construction of the elevated corridor from Vega City Mall side towards Kanakapura Road. BHAGYA PRAKASH K.

The length of the flyover, including ramps, is around 300 metres.

A metro official said, "Usually, Namma Metro corridors on major roads are built on the median. However, in this stretch, no space is available to build the metro pillars. Hence, with approval of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), a decision has been taken to construct the elevated corridor above the flyover. For the purpose of constructing elevated lines, portal piers will be constructed on either side of the road above which a viaduct will be placed. A total of 12 piers will be constructed on either side of the flyover. This design will save the flyover as well as accommodate the proposed metro corridor." The BMRCL will acquire 767 sq. m of land on either side of the flyover for the work. The height of the proposed pillars on either side of the flyover will be over 12 metres.

Landowners oppose

Some property owners in the area have opposed the proposed metro corridor.

A metro official said, "Some of the property owners are concerned that construction of pillars after acquiring a portion of their properties would deprive them of optimum utilisation of their properties. Some of them had suggested demolishing the flyover and constructing the metro line on the median of the road. But this suggestion is not feasible. The flyover is hardly five years old and demolition serves no purpose." "In the past, to facilitate construction of an integrated metro station at Jayadeva hospital, the BMRCL had demolished a flyover. It was absolutely necessary as the BMRCL is building an integrated station, and also accommodating a metro-cum-rail corridor. Near Delmia junction, we are constructing only an elevated corridor," the official said.

The Phase III of Namma Metro project is awaiting clearance by the Central government. The State government had cleared the project with two corridors and sent the files to the Central Government for approval.

Another corridor proposed under Phase III is Hosahalli to Kadabagere on Magadi Road. The total length of this corridor is 12.5 km.

Special vigilance system in BWSSB soon to check water theft

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A special vigilance system will be put in place in the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) to prevent water theft and pilferage in the city, said Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai in the Legislative Council on Thursday.

Responding to BJP member Bharati Shetty, who sought to know the quantum of financial loss that the board is incurring due to water theft, pilferage and unaccounted for water, the Chief Minister said that the percentage of water pilferage and unaccounted for water has been reduced from 37% to 29%.

Pointing out that 1,450 million liters of drinking water is being supplied to Bengaluru city from all the four stages of Cauvery Water Supply scheme, the Chief Minister said currently the board's daily revenue is ₹3.83 crore collected from 10.64 lakh consumers. "However, there is a huge gap between the cost incurred and revenue generated. We will soon put in place a strong vigilance system to check pilferage and unaccounted for water and increase revenue," he said.

Summer demand

Meanwhile, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy assured the House that the water storage has been good this year in the State. "There is no shortage and hence 40,000 acres of land in the Cauvery river basin will be supplied with water."

The Minister said up to February 14, the live storage in KR Sagar, Hemavathi and Kabini reservoirs is 29.086 tmcft, 20.726 tmcft, and 8.109 tmcft, respectively. The available water is sufficient to meet the summer demand, the Minister added.

Manual scavenger's widow receives alternative site as HC intervenes

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Coming to the rescue of the widow of a manual scavenger, the High Court of Karnataka on Thursday ensured allotment of an alternative site to her while castigating the authorities for illegally cancelling the site, allotted to her in 2012 following the court's 2011 order, as part of rehabilitation measures meant for the dependents of manual scavengers.

"It is high time the haves stop despoiling the rights of have-nots; the haves, I mean, those who have power," observed Justice M. Nagaprasanna, while imposing a cost of ₹50,000 on the State authorities besides awarding another ₹50,000 as litigation expenses for compelling her to knock on the doors of the courts again.

The court also directed the State government and the Doddabelavangala Gram Panchayat in Doddaballapur taluk to pay financial assistance to 47-year-old Nagamma, the petitioner, as per the provisions of the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013.

Petitioner's husband, Narasimhaiah, died of asphyxiation in 2008 when he was compelled to enter a manhole at Yelahanka in the city by a contractor employed by the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB).

She had filed a petition in 2011 seeking allotment of a site and other benefits under the law available for the dependents of manual scavengers in view of prohibition of manual scavenging in the State. With the intervention of the court, the panchayat had allotted her a site in Doddabelavangala village.

No intimation

However, the petitioner, who is a poor person belonging to the Scheduled Castes community, was forced to knock on the doors of the court again as the Panchayat Development Officer in 2022 cancelled the allotted site without informing her, reassigned the site for construction of Nada Kacheri, and did not heed to her repeated representation seeking the site, Justice Nagaprasanna noted.

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> **JUSTICE M. NAGAPRASANNA**

Though the government and the panchayat tried to justify cancellation stating that she had failed to build a house, the PDO, on the warning issued by the court for snatching away the site unlawfully, acted swiftly and found a site, having a built house within four days time given by the court, for allotting her in lieu of the earlier one.

The High Court pointed out that the law mandates that manual scavengers and their families will have to be rehabilitated by allotment of a plot, financial assistance for house construction or a ready built house subject to eligibility and willingness of such manual scavengers.

When the authorities can discharge their duties within four days after court question's their action, why cannot they act on their own, the court wondered while terming the conduct of the authorities as "the lack of will and display of apathy towards poor citizens by the powers that be."

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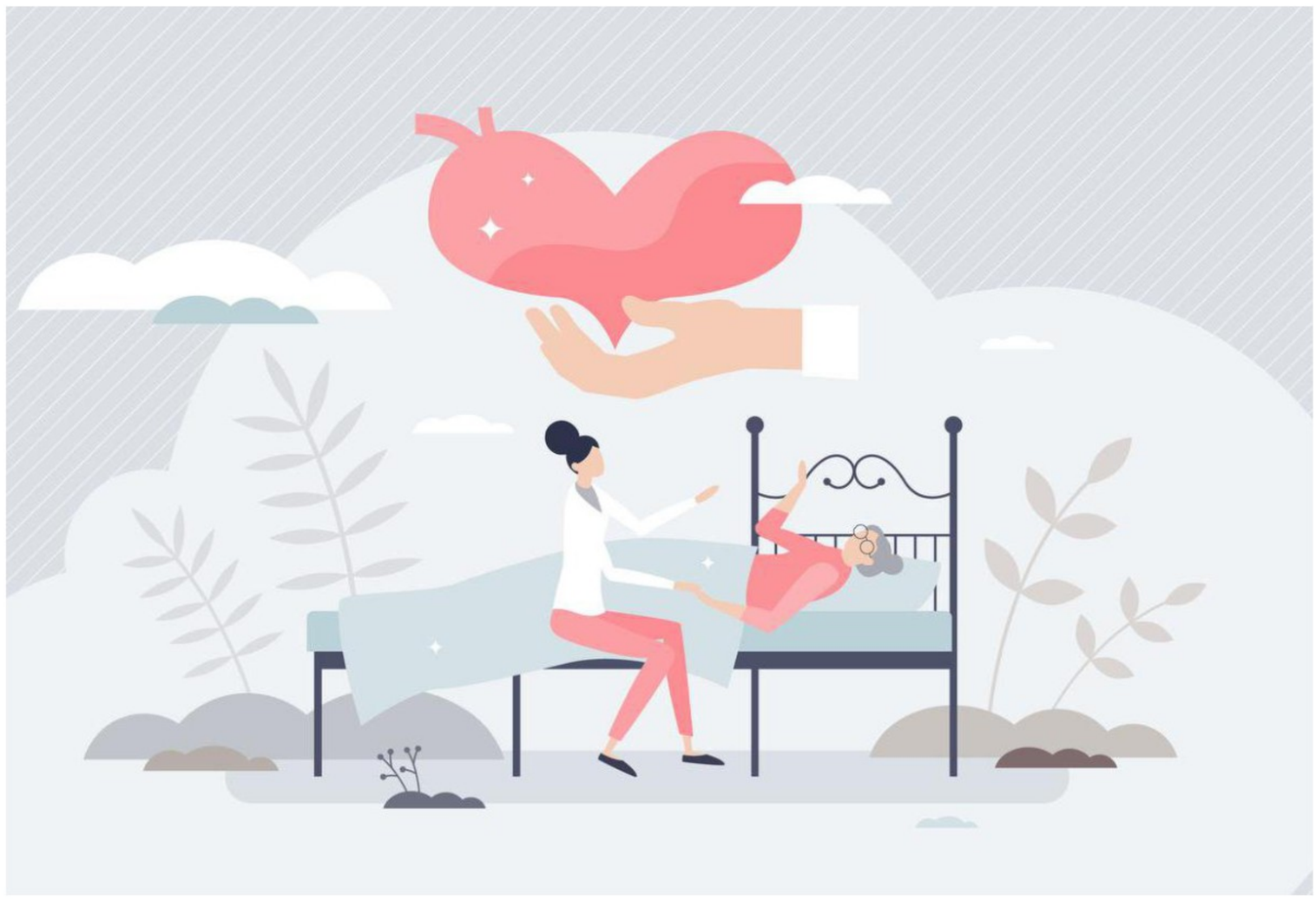

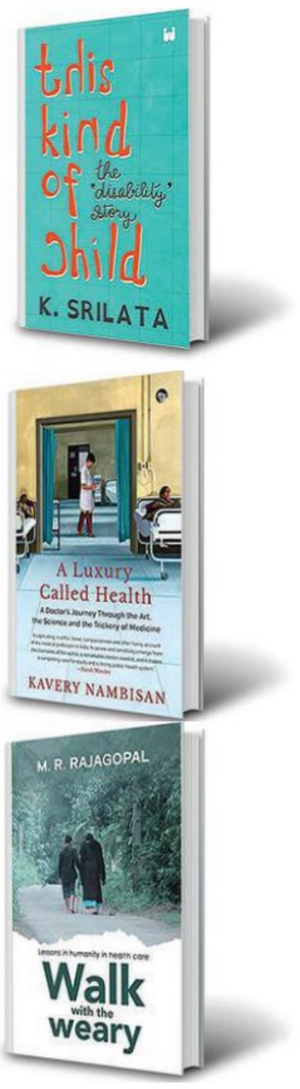
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Stories of empathy on public health, children with special needs and palliative care

Shattering the 'wall of indifference', three writers narrate their experiences and bring forth first-person accounts on why society has a responsibility to help those who need it. They talk about the importance of providing holistic comfort and care

Uma Mahadevan-Dasgupta

Narratives of illness, disability, and care can give us a deep understanding of the context and circumstances of people's lives. Such understanding can help to enhance societal support for patients and families. Three recent books cast a light on the areas of public health, disability, and palliative care.

In *This Kind of Child: The 'Disability' Story*, K. Srilata brings together the voices of persons with special needs, their families and caregivers in a collection of first-person accounts, short stories, and interviews. Any parent with a child who 'doesn't fit' into the school system is likely to have heard the uncomfortable phrase 'this kind of child', which is actually a form of labelling. Unfortunately, in India, any accommodation for those with special needs are turned into a matter of discretion based on sympathy and saviourism. It should be a matter of legitimate rights and systematic adjustments of the environment in educational institutions, workplaces, transport, and public spaces, empowering persons with 'disabilities' to live full and productive lives, as independently as possible, in the midst of society.

"In the charity model," writes K. Srilata, "it is the person with the disability who comes to be seen as 'the problem', as 'helpless', as needing care, sympathy, and protection." She quotes the Union of the Physically Impaired Against Segregation which declared in 1976, "In our view it is society which disables physically impaired people. Disability is something which is imposed on top of our impairments, by the way we are unnecessarily isolated and excluded from full participation in society." Both the charity model and the medical model should be replaced by a social model of acceptance.

Reflective lens

In her memoir of a lifetime of medical practice, *A Luxury Called Health: A Doctor's Journey Through the Art, the Science, and the Trickery of Medicine*, physician Kavery Nambisan turns a reflective lens upon the medical profession itself.

After medical training in England, Nambisan began her career in a hospital in Mokama, a small town in Bihar. "It is best known as the home of dacoity in and outside the State... an unpredictable world of violence and peace, of Bhumihars and bonded labour, child brides, courteous men with guns strapped at the waist, the trusting and the untrustful."

Nambisan writes about seeing a peculiar kind of epidemic, one that disproportionately seemed to affect young married women: an epidemic of burns, "as common as gunshot injuries, and more tragic." These are medico-legal cases, but invariably, the story that is presented to the authorities is that a stove burst had caused the burns. "Why were the victims of burns young, married women every time," wonders Nambisan with heavy irony, "And why did the stoves not burst when an unmarried daughter of the house or an older woman cooked?"

Round the clock attention

Pain and palliative care are the subject of *Walk with the Weary*, the autobiography of palliative care pioneer Dr. M.R. Rajagopal. Rajagopal's own life story takes only a few brief chapters. At the age of three, he was sent to live in a village with his grandparents because his father had wanted a daughter instead. This early sense of being unwanted stays with him.

Growing up in the years after Independence - "hope was in the air" - he realises that society has a responsibility to help those who need it. A kind librarian lets him borrow multiple books on every visit. He discovers Gandhi's autobiography, and through it, he discovers something in himself: "He taught me not to turn away when something needed to be done and I had the power to try."

Seeing the unbearable pain of a cousin with cancer, he senses gaps in conventional medical education. Medical students learn to build a "wall of indifference."

He discovers his life's vocation when Morris, a Bangladeshi cook, is brought to the hospital after a gas cylinder explosion. When the patient is better, he comes to meet the doctor. "You almost destroyed me," he says. The young doctor learns his first lesson: his patient deserved relief from his pain, not in small doses, but round the clock. Rajagopal remembers that the primary duty of care is "to cure sometimes, relieve often, and comfort always." With the help of early volunteers and supporters, a small community comes together to start an organisation for pain and palliative care.

Long road of advocacy

On the long road of advocacy, Rajagopal learns the value of persistence. Help comes from all corners. A former student, now a civil servant, gets him a licence. Dr Ghori, a pharmacologist whose son is ill, petitions the High Court for morphine to be made available to all those who need it. Dr Yusuf Hamied of Cipla helps make it available at an affordable price. Palliative care advocate David Joranson joins the campaign for amendment of narcotics legislation so that patients can get pain relief.

Sheer determination drives individuals and civil society organisations to do what they do. In 2008, Kerala becomes the first State in a low and middle income country to notify and operationalise a State policy on palliative care. Each primary health care centre in Kerala now has a trained palliative care nurse; every bed-bound patient is visited at least once a month; catheters are changed at home. Healthcare costs for families have reduced. Yet, as Rajagopal points out, there is a long way to go. The per capita consumption of medical morphine is only 1.67 mg in Kerala (and the national average only 0.11 mg) while it is 241 mg in the U.K. and the global average is 6.27 mg. Further, the medical profession needs to do more in terms of pain management, end of life care, and attitude, ethics and communication, both with patients and families. Rajagopal shares many stories. Each one, irrespective of the outcome, is a story of hope. Karthi Chechi, 72, is a single mother with oral cancer. The staff think she is estranged from her only daughter, but when they telephone the daughter, they find that she just has no money for bus fare. They arrange the money. The daughter comes. "They hugged each other and cried for a long time."

Uma Mahadevan-Dasgupta is in the IAS.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

"Mr. K. Panchapagesan, Krishnaswami Avenue, Madras, wants to know whether it is correct to use 'as and when' in the sentence, 'As and when he comes here, I'll talk to him.'"

"It is correct. It is used in colloquial language. 'As and when' means 'If and when.' 'If and when he comes here, I'll talk to him.' You are very doubtful about his coming. But you want to say that you will talk to him if he comes. When you want to convey this meaning, you say 'As and when he comes, I'll talk to him.'"

"Mr. K. Sivaramakrishnan, Vriddhachalam, wants to know the difference between human and humane, bom and borne, moral and morale."

" 'Human' means 'pertaining to man.'

He is not a human being. He is a brute.

'Humane' means tender, kind-hearted.'

She is a humane officer.

'Moral' means 'concerning principles of right and wrong.'

It is a moral question.

We don't have any moral instruction class.

Morale means 'state of discipline and spirit in an army, nation, etc.'

The morale of the workers was rather low.

His speech raised the morale of the army.

'Born' means 'having come into existence by birth.'

He was born on 22 May, 1948.

'Borne' is used when the subject is the woman who has given birth.

Sheila has borne four children.

The children borne by his first wife suffered a great deal.

Leela has borne three children. The youngest was born in 1980.

The past and past participles of 'bear' are 'bore,' 'born/borne' respectively. 'Borne' is also used in the sense of 'carry,' 'yield.'

His efforts haven't borne fruit.

They were borne away by the river."

"Mr. A. J. M. Baskaran, Muppan Maistry Street Kodambakkam, Madras, wants to know the meaning and pronunciation of 'crux.'"

" 'Crux' means 'part of the problem that is the most difficult to solve.'

The crux of the matter is that no one is willing to cooperate.

The word 'crux' is from Latin 'Crux,' which means 'cross,' 'torture.' 'Crux' rhymes with 'lux' and 'trucks'."

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THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

As the British public broadcaster BBC is in the news nowadays, here is a quiz on all things associated with it

Srinivasan Ramani

QUESTION 1

A lizard species endemic to India, named Sitana marudhamneydhal is distinguished by its colourful fat throat and is found in Kerala. A new species showing affinity to this was discovered in coastal Kerala by Sadasivan et al in 2018 and was synonymically named after one of the world's most well known broadcasters (associated with the *BBC*) and a natural historian among other things. Name the person and the species.

QUESTION 2

Name the original (first) presenter of the award winning interviews show, *BBC HARDtalk*.

QUESTION 3

Modelled on a long running quiz show in the *BBC*, the Indian version of this was hosted by Siddhartha Basu and ran for five years from 1998 to 2002. The winner of the first edition in 1998 was a schoolteacher from Welham Girls' School in Dehradun. Name the show and the first winner.

QUESTION 4

One of *BBC*'s most well known political satire sitcoms was adapted into other languages worldwide. The book version of this show was translated into Chinese from English by Cheng Hong, whose husband went on to become the Prime Minister of China. Name the show and the Chinese Prime Minister

QUESTION 5

Known for their absurdist but intellectual comedy, this six member troupe went on to revolutionise television comedy. They made their debut in a *BBC* show in the late 1960s. Name the troupe and their debut show.

Visual question:
The police box depicted above is a key prop in the longest running science fiction series. What is it called and what is its purpose? WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This Indian international cricketer holds the record for most runs in the Ranji Trophy. **Ans: Wasim Jaffer**

2. Among cricketers who have played at least 50 innings in first class cricket, this player has the second-best average (79.65) behind only Donald Bradman (95.14). **Ans: Sarfaraz Khan**

3. This bowler from Punjab continues to hold the record for the most wickets in the Ranji Trophy (639). **Ans: Rajinder Goel**

4. This batsman ranks third in Ranji Trophy batting averages and holds the record of scoring the most runs in a single season in the tournament. **Ans: V. V. S Laxman**

5. This outstanding footballer led the Bengal team to the Ranji Trophy final in the 1971-72 season. **Ans: Chuni Goswami**

Visual: This cricketer from this State took eight wickets for 10 runs for his team in a Ranji Trophy match. **Ans: Deepak Chahar from Rajasthan**

Early Birds: Aman Krishnan| Daksh Yadav| Moumita Roy Basu| Komal Vasudeva| Manish Babal

Word of the day

Ignominy:
a state of dishonour

Synonyms: shame, disgrace

Usage: *Even though he was innocent, he suffered the ignominy of being sent to prison.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/ignominypro

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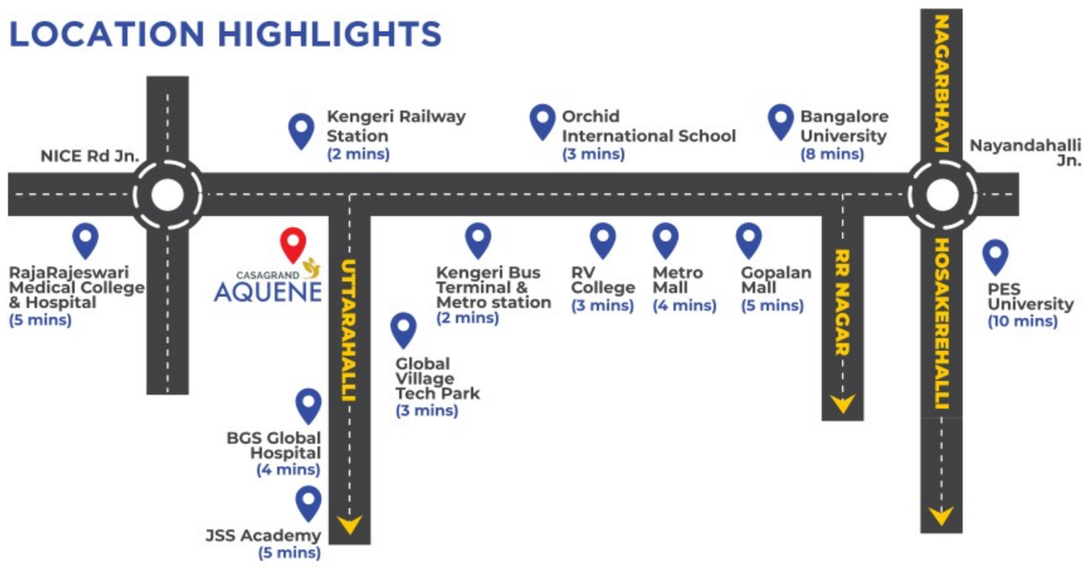

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The Consortium of Medical, Engineering and Dental Colleges of Karnataka (COMEDK) Under Graduate Entrance Test (UGET) and Uni-GAUGE entrance examinations will be held on May 28 as a combined examination for admissions to over 150 engineering colleges and 50 private and deemed universities, respectively.

The entrance exam will be conducted for colleges affiliated to the Karnataka Unaided Private Engineering Colleges' Association (KUPECA) and Uni-GAUGE member universities offering B.E, B.Tech programmes.

The exam will be conducted online in over 150 cities across India, with over 400 test centres. This year, over one lakh students are expected to appear for the examination.

Registration

Applicants can register at www.comedk.org or www.unigauge.com.

The application process is open online up to April 24.

The exam will be conducted online in over 150 cities across India, with over 400 test centres

Speaking at a press conference here on Thursday, S. Kumar, Executive Secretary at COMEDK, said, "Over 150 premier colleges accept students through UGET, and we are proud to provide a fair, inclusive and non-exploitative platform to connect them with young talent."

This year, COMEDK has also launched COMED KARES, an initiative to assist students from participating institutions in becoming job-ready through skill enhancement courses.

COMED KARES

COMED KARES has set up eight innovation hubs in Karnataka, four of which are in Bengaluru and the rest in Mysuru, Kalaburagi, Mangaluru, Belagavi. Each hub is housed in a 5000 sq-ft state-of-the-art centre.

The hubs are equipped with high end equipment such as wood routing, laser cutting, 3D printers, AR-VR equipment, hand tools, Computer SW, UI-UX tools, officials said.

Programmes like Rapid Prototyping, Robotics, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and Internet of Things (IOT) are offered at the innovation hubs.

With this initiative, Karnataka has also become the first State to introduce skill-based training to private engineering college students, the officials added.

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Pratiksha Trust to give IISc's Centre for Brain ₹450 cr. for ageing brain research

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Pratiksha Trust has signed an MoU with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and the Centre for Brain Research (CBR) – an autonomous Centre located on the Institute campus – to support fundamental and translational research on neurodegenerative diseases of the elderly population.

Under this MoU, the Pratiksha Trust has agreed to provide support to CBR in perpetuity, with an initial outlay to the tune of ₹450.27 crore over the next 10 years, for research, innovation and translation.

In 2014, the Trust, established by philanthropists Kris Gopalakrishnan and Sudha Gopalakrishnan, had helped set up this centre and helped create infrastructure in CBR.

The current MoU is an extension of this support for securing the future of CBR and strengthening its long-term studies on the ageing brain.

IISc said that the Centre has initiated and completed four years of two unique longitudinal studies to track the ageing brain over a 15 to 20-year period in individuals older than 45 years of age – one for a rural cohort (in Srinivasapura taluk of Kolar district) with 10,000 volunteers, and the other for an urban cohort (in and around Bengaluru) with 1,000 volunteers. In the rural cohort, more than 5,400 volunteers have already been recruited and more than 6,600 multimodal assessments have been completed (baseline as well as yearly follow-ups). The corresponding figures for the urban cohort (a project supported by the Tata Trusts) are more than 1,100 recruitments and more than 2,300 assessments. These cohort studies are providing a wealth of data, and preliminary analyses of the data collected so far are revealing important insights. The extension of support by the Pratiksha Trust will help identify new early biomarkers and molecular targets for novel drugs.

"We are committed to supporting this Centre in its mission to reduce the pain, agony, and burden of an important part of our society: the elderly population," said Mr. Gopalakrishnan.

G. Rangarajan, Director, IISc, said, "India's elderly population is expected to grow rapidly to a staggering 32 crore by 2050, leading to a corresponding increase in the burden of dementia and other aging-related neurodegenerative diseases. CBR is uniquely positioned to take on the challenge of tackling this impending healthcare and socioeconomic crisis."

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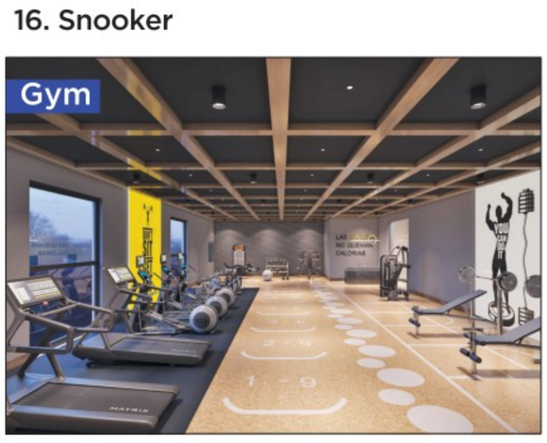

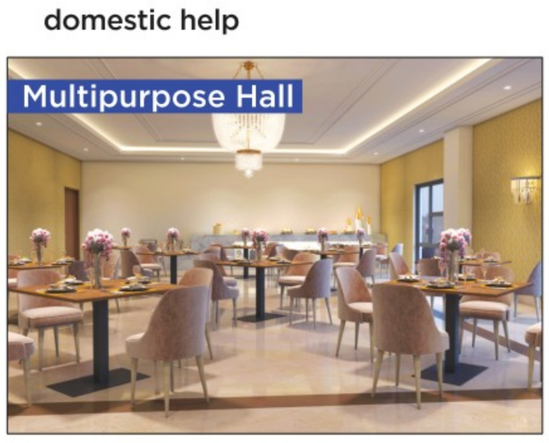

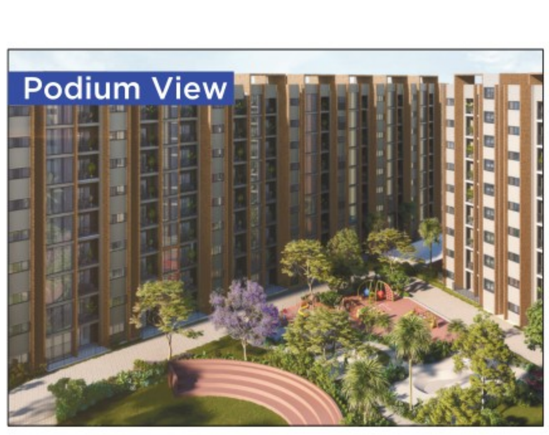

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Large crowds thronged the Air Force Station, Yelahanka, on the penultimate day of Aero India 2023 to catch a glimpse of their favourite metal birds and view various defence products from around the world displayed at the exhibition areas.

The last two days of the biennial airshow are open to the general public. Though this time, they are on Thursday and Friday (traditionally, they were the weekends), aviation enthusiasts of all ages turned up in large numbers.

Showstoppers
This year, the showstoppers are the two debutant F-35s of the United States Air Force (USAF). While the F-35A Lightning II Demonstration Team was part of the flying display demonstrating its unique aerial capabilities, the F-35A Lightning was on static display on the tarmac.

As expected, the crowds were eager to catch a glimpse of the F-35A, a 9g capable multirole fighter boasting stealth, supersonic and multirole combat capabilities. The F-35A Lightning II did not disappoint the crowd as it performed a scintillating aerial display.

Despite the scorching sun, the visitors had gathered in large numbers at the Airbase and the Air Display Viewing Area (ADVA) to watch the flight display by various aircraft from India and abroad. During earlier editions, the public was treated to breathtaking displays by the Indian Air Force's Suryakiran Aerobatic Display Team, the Sarang Aerobatic Team, Flying Bulls, the Scandinavian airshow team and the Evolvkos aerobatic team.

Only the nine-aircraft Suryakiran team and four-helicopter Sarang performed at the airshow this time.

Ticket fares
The visitors will have access to the exhibition area and the Air Display Viewing Area (ADVA) during the general days. The ticket price for Indian visitors is ₹2,500, and for foreign visitors, it is $50. The ticket for the ADVA area is ₹1,000 for Indian visitors and $50 for foreign visitors.

Sarang helicopter team set to get bigger and better

Sharath S. Srivatsa
BENGALURU

The dazzling display in air by the Sarang, the helicopter aerobatic team of the Indian Air Force, is set to be more breathtaking in the coming months.

While the only helicopter aerobatic team in the world is set to add one more helicopter to the display, it is also working on adding five more manoeuvers.

In another important development, Sarang will be performing this year in the North East for the first time in nearly a decade.

The Coimbatore-based Sarang currently operates with four helicopter during display to which one more is being added by June, IAF sources said.

The team is training to add five more manoeuvers for which names are yet to be given, sources said.

Normally, Sarang performs a full profile of 12 to 15 manoeuvers during the display of which some will be replaced by the new five manoeuvers that is being practised.

17 pilots
Sarang's team has 17 pilots of whom eight - two each in a helicopter- perform in the display. The team flies the Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) manufactured by HAL, and their display serves as an excellent platform to showcase HAL's product.

"The manoeuvers are fine-tuned or replaced based on our assessment. Data from flight data recorder and footages of the aerial displays captured on ground are constantly assessed. While safety is paramount, audience interest is taken into consideration to make the show more interesting," Sarang leader Gr Capt S.K. Mishra told *The Hindu*.

On the reason for the absence of large helicopter aerobatic teams in the world, Gr. Capt Mishra said, "Maintaining a helicopter team is very tough and demanding. Sarang performs well because our helicopters are indigenous and we get enormous help from HAL."

In the North East
While Sarang gets inquiries to perform, IAF sources said that schedule is being worked out to perform in North East after October.

"The last performance of Sarang team in the North East was in 2014 and the team is scheduled for multi-city displays. They want to showcase their skills and enthrall the audience in new places now. Appeal is always there in new manoeuvers," sources added.

Sarang, the helicopter aerobatic team of the Indian Air Force, performing at Aero India on Thursday. K. MURALI KUMAR

The team behind success of the show

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A group of Indian Air Force officers who are part of the Flying Display Director (FDD) team for over a week have been coordinating and monitoring the airspace around the Air Force Station Yelahanka to ensure the smooth conduct of the Aero India 2023.

Ever since the aircraft participating in the biennial airshow started to arrive, the team has been working round the clock so that flight safety is not jeopardised in any way.

By the end of the fourth day of the airshow, 80 flying sorties of various types of aircraft and helicopters ranging from the vintage Dakota DC-3 to the fifth generation F-35A Lightning II have already taken place and by the end of the airshow on Sunday another 20 more sorties would be recorded.

The team said that during the four days, no incidents were recorded and we were confident that on the final day too everything would go on smoothly.

Bird watchers deployed
Also part of the flight safety team are a group of bird watchers deployed at different vantage points around the airbase to monitor and shoo away birds so that there are no bird-hit incidents during the flying display.

Like many other teams which are behind the successful conduct of the airshow, the FDD team too started its preparations a month ago.

Apart from charting out flight plans, the teams are also in constant touch with the pilots to ensure smooth conduct of the airshow.

INBRIEF

BBMP imposes meat ban on Maha Shivaratri

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) issued a circular banning sale of meat and killing of animals on Maha Shivaratri on Saturday. On Thursday, the Joint Director (animal welfare), BBMP, issued a circular imposing a ban on animal slaughter and sale of meat on Saturday. The BBMP has also ordered the closure of abattoirs and slaughterhouses in Bengaluru on the occasion of Maha Shivaratri.

The civic body bans the sale of meat during important festivals, including Ganesha Chaturthi, Sri Rama Navami and Krishna Janmashtami, every year. Apart from this, the BBMP also bans sale of meat and animal slaughter on October 2, Gandhi Jayanti.

Gang from Maharashtra caught selling ivory carvings

The CID forest cell, Hubballi, on Thursday caught a gang of four and seized antique ivory carvings from them. The accused had come from Maharashtra to sell the antique carvings, including three jewel boxes and a stone studded bracelet, when a team of officials led by Deputy Superintendent of Police Muthanna raided the spot and arrested the accused. The police have taken the accused into custody to ascertain the source of the seized valuables as it was suspected that it belonged to a royal family.

Text & Context
A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (February 17, Friday), the following article is available:

- Mapping General Pervez Musharraf's legacy
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1,866 students get degrees at 7th RUAS convocation

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences (RUAS) on Thursday organised the 7th convocation on its Gnanagangothri campus.

According to a release from RUAS, 1,866 students received their degree certificates, including 14 Ph.D., one M.Phil and one M.S. (Research), 34 got the "Dr. M.S. Ramaiah Gold Medal" for Academic Excellence, 33 received "Smt. Venkatamma Ramaiah Silver Medal" for Academic Excellence and nine students received the "Smt. Gowramma Ramaiah Silver Medal" for Best Dissertation".

G. Satheesh Reddy, Scientific Advisor, Ministry of Defence, was the chief guest for the ceremony. In his address, he emphasised on 'self-reliance', which is changing India's fundamental thinking and future growth and providing a ray of hope to the world. "India's culture and tradition speak of self-reliance, and the soul is "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam", he said. Dr. Reddy said that India's self-reliance is rooted in the happiness, cooperation, and peace of the world. He urged the students to devote their life to nation building, take pride in heritage, and fulfil their duties to achieve global harmony. He further noted that "Atmanirbhar Bharat" and education combined with our rich cultural heritage are the ways to achieve the goals of our country.

M.R. Jayaram, Chancellor, presided over the ceremony.

MoU signed

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Ltd. has signed an MoU with Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) for domestic manufacture and supply of its LORA Weapon System for the Indian Tri-services. The weapon system will be manufactured by BEL, based on the work-share arrangement with IAI. The MoU is an outcome of the growing partnership between India and Israel in the field of high technology strategic defence systems.

Bengaluru-based company in race to supply jetpacks for armed forces

Sharath S. Srivatsa
BENGALURU

A Bengaluru-based company is in the race to supply jetpacks for the armed forces of India. The Indian Army is looking at jetpack suits, which will enable its personnel to fly with the aim of enhancing individual mobility in tough terrain.

The jet suit developed by Absolute Composites in Bengaluru will be among those that will be evaluated by the Indian Army for procurement.

At present, Absolute Composites is the only Indian company to make the jetpack suit.

The jet suit developed by Bengaluru-based Absolute Composites.

In January, the Indian Army released a Request For Proposal for 48 jetpack suits. Jetpacks are becoming a part of armed forces worldwide for quick movement of individual personnel in emergency situations.

The jetpack developed in Bengaluru is fuelled by diesel, has a range of 10 km and is capable of flying for up to 8 minutes.

The pack weighs 40 kg and can carry a payload of 80 kg. Though it is capable of flying at an altitude of 3,000 meters, the optimal height is between 10 feet and 20 feet above the ground.

Absolute Composites Managing Director Raghav Reddy told *The Hindu*, "The jet suit is good for scenarios where there are obstructions on the ground. Due to limited endurance, it will not be optimal to lose energy in just climbing to a high altitude."

Who invented it
The jetpack suit was invented by British citizen Richard Browning, who is the founder and chief test pilot of Gravity Industry. His effort inspired Absolute Composites to come up with a jetpack suit. The Indian company has modified and improvised the equipment to suit local requirements.

Among uses for jetpack suits is in the movement of personnel in mine-infested areas or for mine detection, to cross a water body when a bridge is broken, or movement from one ship to another. In civilian scenarios, it can help in a fire emergency, medical rescue and floods.

The jetpack suit developed in Bengaluru is an improvised version in terms of materials used with heat and fire-proof materials. An extra engine has been added. Provisions have been made to enable the user to carry a small quantity of medicines or other supplies. In the next version, display helmets will be added to the suit.

Timings
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RISE	06:41	SET 18:26
RISE	03:49	SET 15:23
SATURDAY, FEB. 18		
RISE	06:41	SET 18:26
RISE	04:52	SET 16:31
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RISE	06:41	SET 18:26
RISE	05:50	SET 17:37

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Bengaluru	32	16

Bengaluru Today
32ºC The weather will be dry. Morning will be cool with mist and haze. Day will be little warm. Night also will be cool and hazy.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
31ºC A dry weather to continue. Day will be slight warm. Night will be slight cool with haze and mist.

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Row over flagpost on footpath: 62-year-old social activist attacked

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 62-year-old social activist was on Thursday attacked, and his face was blackened with tar by a group of people for allegedly demanding that a flagpost put up on the footpath in Doddapete be removed.

Based on a complaint filed by Umashankar, the city market police registered a case against Srinivasa and his associates, charging them with wrongful restraint, assault, criminal force to dishonour a person and unlawful assembly.

Umashankar said he had made several complaints to the BBMP at the behest of his friend Rajesh, a businessman, demanding the removal of the flagpost.

Rajesh, who was out of town, called Umashankar and asked him to go to Doddapete to check on the visit of BBMP officials who were expected to remove the flagpost. When he reached the spot, Srinivasa and others confronted him and started hurling abuses and assaulted him.

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Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation
Traffic (Com) Department, 2nd Floor, Shathinagar TTMC, K.H. Road, Bangalore-560027
No.: BMTC/CO/TR/COM/4371/2022-23 Date: 15.02.2023
SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 16/2022-23 (e-Procurement Platform)
Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation invites bids/offers from **Public/Private Sector oil Marketing companies for grant of license to establish, run and maintain "Retail Fuel Outlet Stations" on "Revenue Sharing Model"** at 24 different locations/Depots of BMTC jurisdiction. The license period is 15 years.
Date of Pre-bid meeting: **21.02.2023 at 15.00 hrs.** Place: Mini-Meeting Hall, 4th Floor, Central Office, BMTC, Shanthinagar. Last date for response to the queries: **23.02.2023 at 17.30 hrs.** Last date & time for submission of bids is on: **02.03.2023 up to 17.30 hrs.** Opening of Technical bids is on: **06.03.2023 at 16.00 hrs.** Opening of Financial bids is on: **09.03.2023 at 16.00 hrs.** Answers for the questions raised in the pre-bid meeting shall be made by BMTC exclusively through the issue of an Addendum/Corrigendum in e-Procurement portal.
Further details in this regard can be obtained in the e-Procurement portal **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or by Contacting: 080-23010900; 23010901; 22371090; 22340060; 22340948 or 7760997519 & 7760991026. e-Mail: **ctmc@mybmtc.com**
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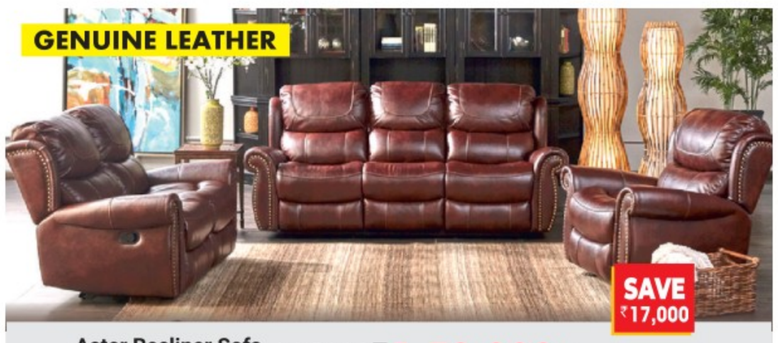

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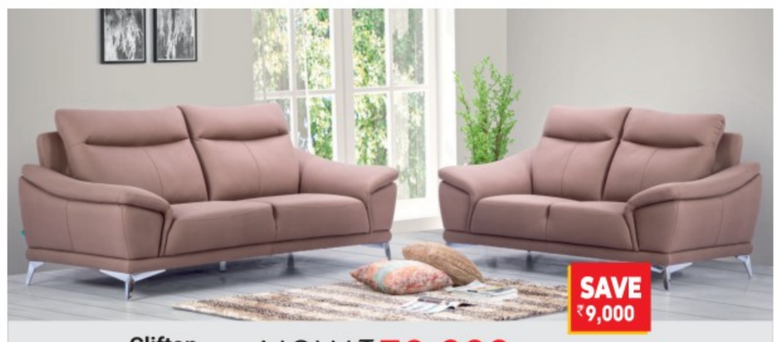

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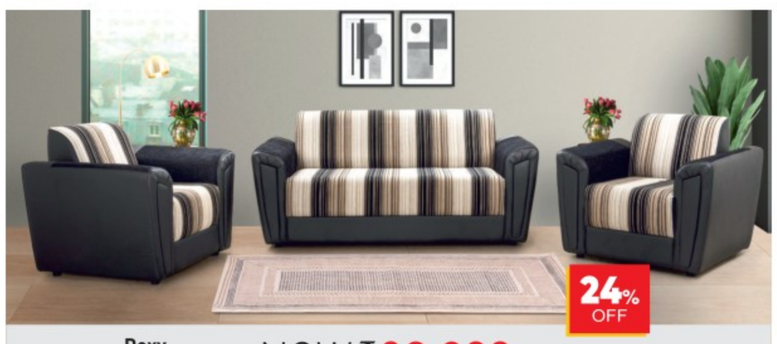

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No:RDW&SD/CE/Admin/C-3/28/2022-23 Date: 16-02-2023

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Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Department, Govt. of Kamataka invites tender in e-Procurement Portal **(https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** from eligible bidders in two cover system (Technical and Financial bid) for **Hiring of an agency for providing Cab Services** to Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Department. The last date for submission of bids through e-portal is **27-02-2023 before 4.00 PM.** EMD Amount is **Rs. 50,000/-.**

Sd/- Chief Engineer RDW&SD, Bengaluru

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-Procurement only)

On behalf of Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer, KBJNL IBC, O&M Division, Rampur, invites bids for the Percentage tender from Eligible contractors for the work Construction of Distributaries & its Laterals (Byakod canal, Byakod canal 1 & 2 Distributory No.7 to 21 including Laterals of Distributory No.4 to 6) of Korwar Branch Canal under Chimmalagi LIS (Indent No.24077) amounting to **Rs. 9966.87 Lakhs.** EMD amount **Rs. 117.61** Lakhs. The Two cover bid submission procedure as per Rule 28 of KTPP Act shall be followed.

The bidders are requested to submit their bids in Double cover including EMD in e-cash. Contractor can access e-tendering document from **17-02-2023 to 03-03-2023**. Last date for submission of bid is **03-03-2023** at 4.30 PM.

The Technical bid (Cover-1) will be opened on **04-03-2023** in the office of Executive Engineer KBJNL IBC O&M Division Rampur(PA) at 5.30 PM. Pre-bid meeting held on Chief Engineer, KBJNL Canal Zone No.2, Rampur on dated: **28-02-2023** at 11.00 AM. The Financial bid (Cover-2) will be opened on **07-03-2023** in the office of Executive Engineer KBJNL IBC O&M Division Rampur(PA) at 11.00 AM

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Sd/- Executive Engineer, KBJNL, IBC O&M Division, Rampur(PA)

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This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our clients **MR.S.JOTHI S/o.Mr.Selvaraj & MRS.UMAMAGESHWARI W/o. Mr.S.Jothi** are intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **MR. NAGARAJU T S/o. Mr. Thimmappa,** any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **15 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our clients shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

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All that piece and parcel of the Immovable property bearing Site No.7, Property No.78/4, BBMP Katha SL No.2348, Situated at: Horamavu Agara Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, BBMP, Ward No.25, Measuring East to West: 40 Feet & North to South: 16.5 Feet, in all totally measuring 660 Square Feet, and bounded on the:

East by : Property belongs to Sri. Teja N Raju; West by : Site No.6; North by : Remaining portion of Property No.78/4; South by : 20 Feet Road;

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants
Bangalore-43. M: 9845846428, 7204863700

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is notify general public that my client **Smt. Sowmya Sree A Guntuka w/o G.Anil Kumar,** grand daughter of late Munilakshmamma, w/o late R.G.Govindaiah, No.590, **'Ramanashri',** 16th Main Road, Padmanabhanagar, Bangalore 560 070, presently at Muscat, Oman is the absolute owner of the schedule property, being acquired the same under the Gift Deed executed by her grandmother.

In the Sale Deed executed in favour of the predecessor-in-title Sri H.Krishnamurthy by Smt. Rajkala Kamat and others on 6/12/2000, in the preamble line-1 para-1, inadvertently it is typed as 'Sy.No. 67/2', which is unrelated to the schedule property. With best efforts, parties to execute the Rectification Deed, rectifying the said mistake are not found.

It is notified that my client is the absolute owner and the mistake in the Sale Deed dt. 6/12/2000 is unintentional and only a typographical error.

In case any person/institution/bank is having any objection to the said mistake, same may be intimated in writing with the evidences available for such objection to the undersigned within **TEN days** from the date of this publication. If no objection is received within the stipulated period, my client shall proceed to transact with the schedule property.

SCHEDULE :

Residential site bearing **No. 11/503, Old No. 11,** (formed out of sy.57/4 of Chikkallasadra village) BBMP Katha No. 516/530/11/110/503, (Ward No. 184-Uttarahalli) situated at **3rd Main Road, Chikkallasandra, (Canara Bank Colony) Bangalore 560 061,** measuring East-West 40 ft., North-South 60 ft., in all measuring 2400 sq.ft., and bounded on the :

East by : Property No.12, West by : Property No. 10, North by : property of Chikka hanumanthaiah, South by : Road.

(SMITHA PRAKASH)
Advocate
2470, B2, Alladdin Complex, 21st Main, 25th Cross, BSK II Stage, Bangalore 560070 Mobile : 98456 72350
e-mail : prasith3012@gmail.com

Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Department

Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drining Water & Sanitation Department, Chickballapura Division, Chickballapur. Ph: 08156-270058

No.:EE/R.D.W.& S.D./CBP/A.E.-2/2022-23 Date: 13.02.2023

Tender Notification No.: 47/2022-23 Date: 13.02.2023

(Through e-Procurement Portal)

Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Chickballapur, On behalf of Governor of Karnataka invites request for proposal of tenders from the eligible bidders for the work of providing FHTCs to Manchenahalli village & Minakangurki village in Gowribidanur Taluk, Chikkaballapur District by Augmention and Retrofitting Through SVS. Two Cover tender procedure as per rule 28 of the KTPP act shall be followed. The tenderers are required to submit (Under KW-IV) tenders through e-Procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

(1) Last date and time for receipt of bids: **21.02.2023 at 04.30 P.M. (2)** Date and time of technical bid opening: **23.02.2023 at 05.15 P.M. (3)** Date and time of financial bid opeing: **27.02.2023 at 11.00 A.M.**

More details can be had from the office of the undersigned and also through http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in by clicking list of tenders which will link to all Dept. works list.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, RDW&S Division, Chikkaballapur

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PUBLIC NOTICE / LOST

I the undersigned owner of SCHEDULE PROPERTY have lost the following original documents of title relating to it, and I have notified the same online to the Bangalore City Police Unit under Lost Article Report vide Lost Report No. 0470987/2023 Dated 12-02-2023 through Advocate. It is requested to the finder of Originals of Deeds to deliver the same to the undersigned or to the nearest Police Station, with an intimation to the undersigned against suitable reward. Further it is also to caution the general public for not dealing with Schedule Property on the basis of the lost documents.

(i) Sale Deed Dated 28-12-2011 executed by BDA in favour of Smt. MUBEENA JABEEN w/o ABDUL WAJID, registered as Document No. BDA-1-03347/2011-12, stored on CD No. BDAD 172 in the Office of Additional District Registrar, Bangalore Urban District, Bangalore.

(ii) Possession Certificate Dated 30-12-2011 bearing No. 004502 issued by BDA in favour of MUBEENA JABEEN.

(iii) Gift Deed Dated 19-07-2012 executed by MUBEENA JABEEN in favour of Smt. NAGEENA JABEEN D/o ABDUL WAJID, registered as Document No. YPR-1-01060/2012-13 stored on CD No. YPRD 52 in the Office of Sub Registrar, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore.

(iv) Sale Deed Dated 03-09-2012 executed by NAGEENA JABEEN in favour of **Mrs. HAFIZA YAKUB KHAKHU w/o AKHTAR JIKAR**, registered as Document No. YPR-1-01557/2012-13, stored on CD No. YPRD 56 in the Office of Sub Registrar, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of House Building constructed on **BDA Site No. 926**, BBMP Khatha No. 42, **PID** No. 4-105-42 in BBMP Old Ward No. 4, New Ward No. 36 (Mathikere) situated at **2nd Main Road, Gokula 1st State, 2nd Phase,** Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore, measuring East to West 13.71 Meters, North to South 11.96 Meters, totally measuring 163.9716 Square Meters and bounded on:

East by : Site No. 969, West by : Road,
North by : Site No. 927, South by : Site No. 925.

Bangalore, Date: 16-02-2023

Sd/-
Mrs. HAFIZA YAKUB KHAKHU w/o AKHTAR JIKAR,
No. 926, 10th Cross, 2nd Main, Gokula 1st State, 2nd Phase, Divanarapalya, Bangalore-560022/ **Ph : 9845734332**

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)

Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, MLI Division No-1 Mattihal-586210.

Tq:Kolhar Dt: Vijayapur. Phone:08426-286126, E-mail: kbjnleemli@gmail.com

No: KBJNL/MLI-1/PB/Mattihal-Div-1/2022-23/1715 Date:15.02.2023

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

IFT No. EE:KBJNL:DK:KW_4:TR:2022-23/ Date:

1. The Executive Engineer, KBJNL, MLI,Division no.1, Mattihal invites tenders from the eligible tenderers as per standard bid documents **KW-4** on **e-Procurement Portal**, for the work as detailed in the table below. The tenderers may submit tenders for the work given in the Table Two cover Tender procedure as per Rule 28 of the KTPP Act shall be followed. The Tenderers are required to submit the Earnest Money deposit and the details of their capability to undertake the tender. The Technical bid will be opened first and the second containing the price tender which will be opened only if the Technical Bid Tenderer is found to be qualified. The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in the instructions to Tenderers to qualify for award of the contract.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS :-

1. The contractors should submit tenders through **e-Procurement Portal only.**
2. The contractors should scan all necessary original documents and submit through **e-Procurement Portal** required for qualification.

For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours on Phone Number 08426-286126and all information's regarding tenders can be had from website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**.** The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website address on or after 15.02.2023.

Sl. No.	Work indent No.	Name of the Work	Estimate Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	2	3	4
1	**KBJNL/2022-23/ RD/WORK_INDET 23591**	Improvements and Development of Ayacut road from YalligutiJackwell to Samparka Road under command area of Yalliguti LIS	338.73
2	**KBJNL /2022-23/ RD/WORK_INDET 23592**	Improvements and Development of Aycut road from old yalliguti to Yananchi-Anagwadi kudu road under command area of Yalliguti LIS	254.02

1) E.M.D. Amount : As mentioned in e-Proc Portal. 2) Tender processing fee : As mentioned in e-Proc Portal. 3) Period for completion of work : As mentioned in e-Proc Portal. 4) Date & Time of Pre-bid meeting : As mentioned in e-Proc Portal. 5) Last date & time for Tender Queries/ clarification : As mentioned in e-Proc Portal. 6) Last date & time for receipt of tenders : 24.02.2023 Time 16.00 hours. 7) Date and time for opening of technical bid : 27.02.2023 Time 16.30 hours. 8) Date and time for opening of financial bid : As mentioned in e-Proc Portal.

Conditions:-

1. The under signed has reserves right to reject, withdraw any or all tenders at any stage without ascertaining any reasons.
2. Contractor has to maintain the work for **3 Year (36 Calendar months)** after satisfactorily completion of the work.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, KBJNL, MLI Division No-1, Mattihal

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PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I Bhupinder Singh S/O, Bhopal Singh R/o No#15 2nd Floor 1st Main Road Muneshwara Swamy Layout 4th Block Doddabomasandra Bangalore 560097 have changed my name to Bhupinder Singh Kirola for all purposes vide affidavit no. IN-KA632711421479590V.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 26th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH-20) O.S. NO. 26341/2018

BETWEEN:
M/S ICICI BANK LIMITED MITTAL TOWER, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001
Represented by its officer of Power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Promod G,
Aged about 46 years,
S/o. Mr. Gurumallappa
...PLAINTIFF

AND:
Mr. Rajasekar M.,
S/o. Mariappan
Aged about 33 years
No. 416, Anusha Nilaya, Hoodi Garden, 2nd Main Road, Thigalarapalya, Opp. ITPL Road, Bangalore - 560048 ...DEFENDANT

Summons to Defendant

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of Rs. 3,99,578.36/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Eight and paisa Three Six Only) apart from future interest of 18% p.a., in O.S. NO. 26341/2018 and same is pending adjudication in CCH 20, Before Addl., City Civil Court, Mayo Hall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 27th of March, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 09th day of February, 2023.

By the order of court
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court, Mayo Hall BENGALURU- 560 005.

FX & Co.,
ADVOCATES,
New No. 9, Old No.11/1.
Gover, Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU-560 001

IN THE COURT OF 13th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH-22) O.S. NO. 25465/2022

BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001
Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder **Mr. Pramodh G.**
AND
Mr. Sudhakar Reddy

Summons to Defendant

Mr. Sudhakar Reddy
S/o Govinda Reddy Geriga,
Aged about 28 years,
37/2, Devasandra Main Road, 1st Cross, K.R. Puram, Bengaluru- 560036.

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 8,30,094.82/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Thirty Thousand Ninety Four and Paise Eighty Two Only)** apart from future interest of 9.35% p.a., in O.S. NO. 25465/2022 and same is pending adjudication in (CCH-22) Before 13th Addl. City Civil Court. Mayo hall, Bengaluru (CCH-22)

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 17th Day of March, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 07th day of February, 2023

Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court, Mayo Hall BENGALURU- 560 001.

FX & Co.,
ADVOCATES,
New No.9, Old No.11/1
Gover, Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU-560 005

IN THE COURT OF THE XV ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-3) O.S NO. 4343/2022

Between :
M/s ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at: Landmark, Race-Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007, having its head office at and Zonal office at: 4/10, Mythree tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur main road, Bengaluru- 560068 and also having branch at MG Road, Bengaluru, through its Authorised representative.
Mr. Rohith Ali M ...Plaintiff
And :
Rajeshwari E U ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant :
Rajeshwari E U,
D/o. Siddappa Umesh Ettagi, c/o Pascal Pradeep Kumar
Aged about 44 Years,
Residing at Flat No. 303, Creative North Nest-410, 6th cross, Vyalikaval layout, Veerannapalya, Behind Chaithanya Techno School, Arabic College Bengaluru-560045.

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of Rs. 11,38,829/- along with interest at the rate of 15% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the XV Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H-3), in person or by a pleader, on the day of 03/03/2023 at 11:00 AM to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the14th day of February, 2023 at Bangalore.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, Hon'ble City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar
Vidhii Partners, Advocates, No. 701, Queens Corner 'A', #3, Queens Road, Bengaluru- 01

IN THE COURT OF THE 13TH ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-22) O.S. NO. 26917/2022

Between
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai-400051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff
And
Mr. Abdul Rehman Sharieef
...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Mr. Abdul Rehman Sharieef,
S/o Mr. Noorulla Sharieef ,
Aged about 34 years,No. 6/2, 1st Floor, 1st Main, Laljinagar, Bangalore- 560 030

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs. 4,91,154/- (Rupees Four Lakh Ninety One Thousand One Hundred Fifty Four Only)** together with interest **@ 24% p.a.,** cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the **Hon'ble 13th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-22)** in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on **17.03.2023** at **11.00 a.m.** failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 02.02.2023.

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT DEPUTY REGISTRAR, CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S A Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore- 560 047

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, JANARDHANA.R.N, R/a No.14, Samruddi Nilaya, 4th Crs, Navyanagar, Jakkur, B'luru-64 have changed my name to Janardhan.R.N vide affidavit dt: 16.02.2023 sworn before Notary S.Vijayakumar, B'lore

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed that my client is intended to purchase the below mention property from its owner **Mr.A.BALACHANDRA REDDY** S/o. Sri Annaiah Reddy,Residing at No: 35, 1st B cross, Anjanadri Enclave , Horamavu Agara, Kalyan Nagar Post, Bangalore – 560043 under the care of Mr Raghvendra S (Raghu gowda) s/o shiva Reddy R/o Nagnathpura ,Bangalore.If anybody having any objection,claim,interest,dispute,for the above intended sale transaction, he/she/they may contact the undersigned with the documentary proof sustaining their objection /claim / dispute within seven (7) days from this day of publication, failing which my client will proceed with the sale transaction with the above owner as if their is no objection /claim/ dispute on the schedule property, and thereafter no claims / disputes /objections shall not be entertained

Schedule property

Residential Vacant **Site no : 26 , Katha No: 21/2, 25 & 26** Property No:21/2,26 situated at Sy no 21/2 of Naganathpura Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, now presently comes Under BBMP Limits measuring East to West 62 feet and North to South 40 feet, totally measuring 2480 sq ft. comes under BBMP ward no 191 having property ID:21/2,25&26

Sd /-
Mr Khaja Samiullah haruni
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ThroughSugata Associates and Lawyers Koramangala, Bangalore

Dated 17-02-2023

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 13th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH-22) O.S. NO: 25471/2022

BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001
Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder Mr. Promod G,
AND
Mr. Abdul Basheer,

Summons to Defendants

Mr. Abdul Basheer,
S/o Puttur Abu Bakar,
Aged about 53 years,
No.2, Ground Floor, Near FM Silk, Veerv Apartment, 80 Feet Road End, H M Layout, Bengaluru-560003.

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs.5,66,209.72/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Sixty Six Thousand Two Hundred Nine and Paise Seventy Two Only)** apart from future interest of 9.90% p.a., in **O.S. No. 25471/2022** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-22**, Before 13th Addl. City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the **17th day of March, 2023** at **11:00 A.M.** to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Exparte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court this the **7th day of February, 2023.**

Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court Mayohall Bengaluru- 560001

FX & CO.,
ADVOCATES,
New No. 9, Old No.11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
Bengaluru- 560005.

IN THE COURT OF THE 13th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH - 22) O.S. NO. 26938/ 2022

Between
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff
And
Sri. Satish Kumar P
...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Sri. Satish Kumar P
S/o Sri. Mallikharjuna Rao,
Aged about 40 years,
No. 663, Attibele, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore - 562 107

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs. 5,11,571/- (Rupees Five Lakh Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Seventy One Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 13th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH - 22) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 17.03.2023 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 02.02.2023.

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT DEPUTY REGISTRAR, CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S A Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore - 560 047

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE III ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-25) O.S. No. 2402/2021

Between :
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at : Landmark, Race- Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007 having its head office at and branch office at : 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru-560068 through its Authorised representative
Mr. Rohith Ali M. ...Plaintiff
And :
Mrs. Asha Nair ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant :
Mrs. Asha Nair,
W/o Ayyappan G Nair,
Aged about 38 Years,
Residing at No. 503, Seetharama Complex, Next to Apoorva Dew Drops Apartment, Amruthanagar Main Road, Anjanapura, Bengaluru-560062.

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of Rs. 04,06,462 along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the **III Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H.-25),** in person or by a pleader, on the day of **13/03/2023** at **11:00 A.M.** to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 8th day of February, 2023 at Bangalore.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, Hon'ble Civil Court, Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar
Vidhii Partners, Advocates, No. 701, Queens Corner 'A', 3, Queens Road, Bengaluru -01.

IN THE COURT OF THE 26th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH-20) O.S. NO: 26144/2021

BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001
Represented by its Officer of Power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Promod G,
Aged About 46 Years,
S/o. Mr. Gurumallappa
...PLAINTFF
AND
Mr. Adarsh GR
S/o. M. Rajashekrappa
Aged 41 years, No. 218, 1st Stage, 4th Cross, KHB Colony, Basaveshwar Nagar, Near Subramanya Temple Bangalore- 560079
...DEFENDANT

Summons to Defendants

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 4,43,520.75/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Forty Three Thousand Five Hundred Twenty and paisa Seventy Five Only)** apart from future interest of 18% p.a., in **O.S. No. 26144/2021** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-20**, Before Addl. City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the **31st day of March, 2023** at **11:00 A.M.** to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Exparte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this the **09th day of February, 2023.**

By order of the court
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court Mayohall Bengaluru- 560001

FX & CO.,
ADVOCATES,
New No. 9, Old No.11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
Bengaluru- 560001.

IN THE COURT OF THE 13th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-22) O.S. NO. 26927/ 2022

Between
ICICI Bank Limited, Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa ...Plaintiff
And
Mr. Khallel Ahmed
...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Mr. Khallel Ahmed,
S/o. Mr. Abdul Kareem Sab,
Aged about 50 years,
No. 149/ 9, Ground Floor, 6th Main Road, Byrasandra 1st Block, Jayanagar East, Bangalore - 560 011

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs.7,39,583/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Three Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 13th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-22) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 17.03.2023 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 02.02.2023.

BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT DEPUTY REGISTRAR, CITY CIVIL COURT, MAYOHALL UNIT, BANGALORE

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S A Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout, Bangalore - 560 047

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

(PANCHAYAT RAJ ENGINEERING DEPTARTMENT)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER P.R.E. DIVISION BIDAR.

No: EE/PRED/BDR/TS-1/2022-23/ 3165 Date: 15.02.2023

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDERS

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division Bidar invites Tenders from eligible Tenderers, for 11 works approved under various schemes as per KW-01 and 04 in Single Cover and Two Cover System. Amount put to tender for the works are Minimum Rs. 2,53,114.19 (Rupees Two Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand One Hundred fourteen and paise nineteen only) & Maximum Rs. 164,86,549.34 (Rupees One Crore Sixty Four Lakhs Eighty Six Thousand Five Hundred Forty Nine and paise Thirty four only) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Govt. of Karnataka Viz. http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Tenders must be submitted through e-procurement portal on 15.02.2023 to or before 16.00 hours up to 23.02.2023 Technical Bid will be opened on 24.02.2023 & Financial Bid will be opened on 28.02.2023 respectively. Further any other information can be seen from the e-procurement portal or can be had from the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PRE Division Bidar.

DIPR/Bidar/471/MC&A/2022-23

Government of Karnataka

Panchayath Raj Engineering Department
Office of The Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division, K.R. Nagar

No.: EE/PRED/KRN/A.E/Tender/2022-23 **Date: 14.02.2023**

e-Procurement Tender Notice – No.13/2022-23
Item wise (Single and Two Cover System) Date: 14/02/2023

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka Item wise Tenders are invited in one and two cover system through e-procurement as per **KW-1/2/3/4** (Standard Tender Document) Rules and as per **KTTP G.O. No. FD 9 PCL 2004 Dt. 06.08.2005** and subject to recent amendments from eligible (Civil) Contractors registered in Panchayath Raj engineering Department and registered in **PWD.** For works under various Head of account mentioned below in the limits of Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, K.R.Nagar.

1) Approx. date for issue application for blank tender form in e-procurement 16.02.2023 from 10.30 AM **2)** Last date and time for submission of filled forms through e-procurement tendering 28.02.2023 up to 4.30 PM **3)** Date of opening e-procurement technical bid for kw-4 and Financial bid for kw-1 works if possible 01.03.2023 after 4:30 PM **4)** financial bid opening for kw-4 work if possible dated: 06.03.2023 after 10.30 AM

Thaluk	K R Nagara	Periyapatna	Hunasur	H.D.Kote	Total
Total No. of work	0	01	0	17	18
General	0	01	0	10	11
S.C. catagory	0	0	0	05	05
S.T. catagory	0	0	0	02	02

Tender process is through online only. For more details visit www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and contact the undersigned during office hours. Phone No. 08223-262228

DIPR/DDMYS/KSMCA/1016/2022-23 **Sd/-Executive Engineer, P.R.E.Division, K.R.Nagar**

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ

ಕ.ಸಂ.:ಬಿಜಿಎಂ/ಡಿಯುಡಿಸಿ/07/ಸಿಆರ್-35:2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 13-02-2023

ಸಂಕ್ಷಿಪ್ತ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಂ.:ಸಅಇ/176/ಜಿಇಎಲ್/2022 -(ಭಾ-2) (ಇ) ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಿ. 23-12-2022 ರನ್ವಯ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಸದಲಗಾ ಪುರಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ನೇರ ನೇಮಕಾತಿಯಡಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳನ್ನು ವಿಶೇಷ ನೇಮಕಾತಿ ಮೂಲಕ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಲು ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಜಿ ನಮೂನೆಯನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಅರ್ಜಿಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಲಗತ್ತಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಸೂಚನೆಗಳ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಸದಲಗಾ ಪುರಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯುವುದು. ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ 15-03-2023 ರೊಳಗೆ ಮುಖ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಪುರಸಭೆ ಸದಲಗಾ ಇವರ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿ ಸ್ವೀಕೃತಿ ಪಡೆದಿಟ್ಟುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು.

ಹುದ್ದೆಯ ಹೆಸರು: ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರು, ನೇಮಕಾತಿಗೆ ಇರುವ ಒಟ್ಟು ಹುದ್ದೆ: 17 ವೇತನ ಶ್ರೇಣಿ: 17,000-28950
ನೇಮಕಾತಿಗೆ ಇರುವ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ ವರ್ಗೀಕರಣ ವಿವರ

ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ ವರ್ಗೀಕರಣ	ಇತರೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ	ಮಹಿಳಾ	ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ	ಮಾಜಿ ಸೈನಿಕ	ಯೋಜನಾ ನಿರಾಶ್ರಿತರು	ಕನ್ನಡ ಮಾಧ್ಯಮ	ಅಂಗ ವಿಕಲರು	ತೃತೀಯ ಲಿಂಗ	ಒಟ್ಟು
ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡ	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ-2(ಎ)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ-2(ಬಿ)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ-3(ಎ)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ-3(ಬಿ)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಅರ್ಹತೆ	2	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	8
ಒಟ್ಟು	8	5	3	0	0	0	1	0	17

ಷರತ್ತುಗಳು : (1) ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಹತೆ : ಕನ್ನಡ ಭಾಷೆ ಮಾತನಾಡಲು ಗೊತ್ತಿರಬೇಕು. (2) ವಯೋಮಿತಿ : ಕನಿಷ್ಠ 18 ಮತ್ತು ದಿನಾಂಕ 23-11-2022 ಕ್ಕೆ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ 55 ವರ್ಷ ಮೀರಿರಬಾರದು. (3) ಸದಲಗಾ ಪುರಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೇರಪಾವತಿ, ಕ್ಷೇಮಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಅಥವಾ ದಿನಗೂಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಅಥವಾ ಸಮಾನ ಕೆಲಸಕ್ಕೆ ಸಮಾನ ವೇತನ ಅಥವಾ ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಹಾಲಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಹಾಗೂ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ 02 ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಗಿಂತ ಕಡಿಮೆಯಿಲ್ಲದೆ ನಿರಂತರವಾಗಿ ಕೆಲಸ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಮತ್ತು ಈ ನಿಯಮದ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದಲೂ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ, ನಿಯಮ ಜಾರಿಗೆ ಬಂದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಕಾರ್ಯ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಹಾಗೂ ಸದರಿ ಹುದ್ದೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಲಿ ಮುಂದುವರೆದಿರುವ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರು / ಲೋಡರ್ / ಕ್ಲೀನರ್‌ಗಳು ಮಾತ್ರ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಅರ್ಹರಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. (4) ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ನೌಕರರಿಗೆ ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಏಜನ್ಸಿಯಿಂದ ಪಾವತಿಸುವ ವೇತನ, ಪಿ.ಎಫ್. ಮತ್ತು ಇ.ಎಸ್.ಐ. ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರೆ ಆಧಾರದ ನೌಕರರಿಗೆ ವೇತನದ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ನೇಮಕಾತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಸದಲಗಾ ಪುರಸಭೆ ಕಛೇರಿ ಅಥವಾ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿ
ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ

DIPO/BGM/1767/2022-23

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ

ಕ.ಸಂ.:ಬಿಜಿಎಂ/ಡಿಯುಡಿಸಿ/07/ಸಿಆರ್-28:2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 13-02-2023

ಸಂಕ್ಷಿಪ್ತ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

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ಹುದ್ದೆಯ ಹೆಸರು: ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರು, ನೇಮಕಾತಿಗೆ ಇರುವ ಒಟ್ಟು ಹುದ್ದೆ: 29 ವೇತನ ಶ್ರೇಣಿ: 17,000-28950
ನೇಮಕಾತಿಗೆ ಇರುವ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ ವರ್ಗೀಕರಣ ವಿವರ

ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ ವರ್ಗೀಕರಣ	ಇತರೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ	ಮಹಿಳಾ	ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ	ಮಾಜಿ ಸೈನಿಕ	ಯೋಜನಾ ನಿರಾಶ್ರಿತರು	ಕನ್ನಡ ಮಾಧ್ಯಮ	ಅಂಗ ವಿಕಲರು	ತೃತೀಯ ಲಿಂಗ	ಒಟ್ಟು
ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	5
ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡ	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ-2(ಎ)	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	5
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ-2(ಬಿ)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ-3(ಎ)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ-3(ಬಿ)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಅರ್ಹತೆ	2	5	4	1	0	0	1	0	13
ಒಟ್ಟು	9	10	6	1	0	0	3	0	29

ಷರತ್ತುಗಳು : (1) ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಹತೆ : ಕನ್ನಡ ಭಾಷೆ ಮಾತನಾಡಲು ಗೊತ್ತಿರಬೇಕು. (2) ವಯೋಮಿತಿ : ಕನಿಷ್ಠ 18 ಮತ್ತು ದಿನಾಂಕ 23-11-2022 ಕ್ಕೆ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ 55 ವರ್ಷ ಮೀರಿರಬಾರದು. (3) ಬೈಲಹೊಂಗಲ ಪುರಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೇರಪಾವತಿ, ಕ್ಷೇಮಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಅಥವಾ ದಿನಗೂಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಅಥವಾ ಸಮಾನ ಕೆಲಸಕ್ಕೆ ಸಮಾನ ವೇತನ ಅಥವಾ ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಹಾಲಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಹಾಗೂ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ 02 ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಗಿಂತ ಕಡಿಮೆಯಿಲ್ಲದೆ ನಿರಂತರವಾಗಿ ಕೆಲಸ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಮತ್ತು ಈ ನಿಯಮದ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದಲೂ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ, ನಿಯಮ ಜಾರಿಗೆ ಬಂದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಕಾರ್ಯ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಹಾಗೂ ಸದರಿ ಹುದ್ದೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಲಿ ಮುಂದುವರೆದಿರುವ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರು / ಲೋಡರ್ / ಕ್ಲೀನರ್‌ಗಳು ಮಾತ್ರ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಅರ್ಹರಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. (4) ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ನೌಕರರಿಗೆ ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಏಜನ್ಸಿಯಿಂದ ಪಾವತಿಸುವ ವೇತನ, ಪಿ.ಎಫ್. ಮತ್ತು ಇ.ಎಸ್.ಐ. ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರೆ ಆಧಾರದ ನೌಕರರಿಗೆ ವೇತನದ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ನೇಮಕಾತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಬೈಲಹೊಂಗಲ ಪುರಸಭೆ ಕಛೇರಿ ಅಥವಾ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿ
ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ

DIPO/BGM/1760/2022-23

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CIN No: U40102OR2013SGC016747

NOTICE INVITING TENDER NO: 01/2022-23, DATED: 13.02.2023

Sealed tenders are invited in two parts i.e. (i) Techno commercial bid & (ii) Price bid from eligible bidders for the following works as per the detail mentioned below:

Description Of Work	EMD in Shape of BG only (in Rs.) (Refundable)	Cost of tender document (in Rs.) (Non-refundable)	Availability of tender document in the website	Last Date & time of submission of tender	Date & time of opening of Techno commercial bid.
Design, Engineering, Procurement & Supply, Construction, Commissioning And Comprehensive Operation & Maintenance for Ten (10) Years of 10 MW Solar Power Plant Near Chiplima Power House, District - Sambalpur, Odisha.	54,00,000/-	11,800/- (10,000 + 18% GST)	20.02.2023 to 20.03.2023 (03.00 PM)	20.03.2023 up to 15:00 Hrs.	20.03.2023 at 15:30 Hrs.

For further details and downloading of tender documents, terms and conditions, eligibility, corrigendum/ amendment (if any) please visit website : www.gedcol.com.

Technical Head, GEDCOL

CAD-4865: OIPR-04012/11/0031/2223

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA ENTERPRISE)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, KNNL, BLIS DIVISION, AFZALPUR

No. EE/ KNNL/ BLIS/Dn/ AFZ/PB/ 2022-23/1023/A Date:14-02-2023

CORRIGENDUM

Ref: 1. T. O.Tender Notification No:EE/ KNNL/ BLIS-Dn-Afz/Bori/Addl/ PB/2022-23/1000 Dated: 06-02-2023

Due to technical reasons the modifications in the work put to tender vide this office notification under the above reference are as under.

Sl. No.	Events	As per Notification Dates	As per Corrigendum dates
1	Access to E-tender Documents	09.02.2023 to 22.02.2023 up to 16.00	16.02.2023 to 27.02.2023up to 16.00
2	Querries if any	20.02.2023 upto 16:00	20.02.2023 upto 16:00
3	Pre-bid meeting	14.02.2023 at 11:00	22.02.2023 at 11:00
4	The last date of submission of completed E-tender Documents	22.02.2023 up to 16.00	27.02.2023 up to 16.00
5	Opening of Technical Bid @ Office of the Chief Engineer KNNL, IP Zone Kalaburagi	24.02.2023 at 16.30	01.03.2023 at 16.30
6	Opening of Financial Bid @ Office of the Chief Engineer KNNL, IP Zone Kalaburagi	28.02.2023 after 11.30 am or Approval of Tech Bid	03.03.2023 after 11.30 am or Approval of Tech Bid

Other terms and conditions in the original tender notification remains unchanged. If any clarifications, may be had from the office of the under signed during the office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
KNNL, BLIS Divn., Afzalpur

DIP/Kalaburagi/1297/MC&A/2022-23

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ

ಕ.ಸಂ.:ಬಿಜಿಎಂ/ಡಿಯುಡಿಸಿ/07/ಸಿಆರ್-33:2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 13-02-2023

ಸಂಕ್ಷಿಪ್ತ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಂ.:ಸಅಇ/176/ಜಿಇಎಲ್/2022 -(ಭಾ-2) (ಇ) ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಿ. 23-12-2022 ರನ್ವಯ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಮೂಡಲಗಿ ಪುರಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ನೇರ ನೇಮಕಾತಿಯಡಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳನ್ನು ವಿಶೇಷ ನೇಮಕಾತಿ ಮೂಲಕ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಲು ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಜಿ ನಮೂನೆಯನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಅರ್ಜಿಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಲಗತ್ತಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಸೂಚನೆಗಳ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಮೂಡಲಗಿ ಪುರಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯುವುದು. ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ 15-03-2023 ರೊಳಗೆ ಮುಖ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಪುರಸಭೆ ಮೂಡಲಗಿ ಇವರ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿ ಸ್ವೀಕೃತಿ ಪಡೆದಿಟ್ಟುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು.

ಹುದ್ದೆಯ ಹೆಸರು: ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರು, ನೇಮಕಾತಿಗೆ ಇರುವ ಒಟ್ಟು ಹುದ್ದೆ: 21 ವೇತನ ಶ್ರೇಣಿ: 17,000-28950
ನೇಮಕಾತಿಗೆ ಇರುವ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ ವರ್ಗೀಕರಣ ವಿವರ

ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ ವರ್ಗೀಕರಣ	ಇತರೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ	ಮಹಿಳಾ	ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ	ಮಾಜಿ ಸೈನಿಕ	ಯೋಜನಾ ನಿರಾಶ್ರಿತರು	ಕನ್ನಡ ಮಾಧ್ಯಮ	ಅಂಗ ವಿಕಲರು	ತೃತೀಯ ಲಿಂಗ	ಒಟ್ಟು
ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡ	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ-2(ಎ)	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ-2(ಬಿ)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ-3(ಎ)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಪ್ರವರ್ಗ-3(ಬಿ)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಅರ್ಹತೆ	2	3	3	0	0	0	1	0	9
ಒಟ್ಟು	9	6	5	0	0	0	1	0	21

ಷರತ್ತುಗಳು : (1) ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಹತೆ : ಕನ್ನಡ ಭಾಷೆ ಮಾತನಾಡಲು ಗೊತ್ತಿರಬೇಕು. (2) ವಯೋಮಿತಿ : ಕನಿಷ್ಠ 18 ಮತ್ತು ದಿನಾಂಕ 23-11-2022 ಕ್ಕೆ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ 55 ವರ್ಷ ಮೀರಿರಬಾರದು. (3) ಮೂಡಲಗಿ ಪುರಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೇರಪಾವತಿ, ಕ್ಷೇಮಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಅಥವಾ ದಿನಗೂಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಅಥವಾ ಸಮಾನ ಕೆಲಸಕ್ಕೆ ಸಮಾನ ವೇತನ ಅಥವಾ ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಹಾಲಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಹಾಗೂ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ 02 ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಗಿಂತ ಕಡಿಮೆಯಿಲ್ಲದೆ ನಿರಂತರವಾಗಿ ಕೆಲಸ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಮತ್ತು ಈ ನಿಯಮದ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದಲೂ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ, ನಿಯಮ ಜಾರಿಗೆ ಬಂದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಕಾರ್ಯ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಹಾಗೂ ಸದರಿ ಹುದ್ದೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಲಿ ಮುಂದುವರೆದಿರುವ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರು / ಲೋಡರ್ / ಕ್ಲೀನರ್‌ಗಳು ಮಾತ್ರ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಅರ್ಹರಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. (4) ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ನೌಕರರಿಗೆ ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಏಜನ್ಸಿಯಿಂದ ಪಾವತಿಸುವ ವೇತನ, ಪಿ.ಎಫ್. ಮತ್ತು ಇ.ಎಸ್.ಐ. ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರೆ ಆಧಾರದ ನೌಕರರಿಗೆ ವೇತನದ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ನೇಮಕಾತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಮೂಡಲಗಿ ಪುರಸಭೆ ಕಛೇರಿ ಅಥವಾ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿ
ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ

DIPO/BGM/1765/2022-23

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ

ಕ.ಸಂ.:ಬಿಜಿಎಂ/ಡಿಯುಡಿಸಿ/07/ಸಿಆರ್-38:2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 13-02-2023

ಸಂಕ್ಷಿಪ್ತ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಂ.:ಸಅಇ/176/ಜಿಇಎಲ್/2022 -(ಭಾ-2) (ಇ) ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಿ. 23-12-2022 ರನ್ವಯ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಹಾರೂಗೇರಿ ಪುರಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ನೇರ ನೇಮಕಾತಿಯಡಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳನ್ನು ವಿಶೇಷ ನೇಮಕಾತಿ ಮೂಲಕ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಲು ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಜಿ ನಮೂನೆಯನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಅರ್ಜಿಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಲಗತ್ತಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಸೂಚನೆಗಳ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾರೂಗೇರಿ ಪುರಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯುವುದು. ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ 15-03-2023 ರೊಳಗೆ ಮುಖ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಪುರಸಭೆ ಹಾರೂಗೇರಿ ಇವರ ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿ ಸ್ವೀಕೃತಿ ಪಡೆದಿಟ್ಟುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು.

ಹುದ್ದೆಯ ಹೆಸರು: ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರು, ನೇಮಕಾತಿಗೆ ಇರುವ ಒಟ್ಟು ಹುದ್ದೆ: 38 ವೇತನ ಶ್ರೇಣಿ: 17,000-28950
**ನೇಮಕಾತಿಗೆ ಇರುವ ಪೌರಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ ವರ್

A preschool in Bengaluru. The government has set up a task force headed by a former IAS officer to implement NEP in primary education. It has selected 20,000 anganwadis in Karnataka to implement NEP in early childhood care education. FILE PHOTO

There are preschools at every turn, but who will monitor them?

Lack of rules and regulations, and consistent monitoring system have led to mushrooming of private preschools which don't come under the Right to Education Act, 2009

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

Every locality in Bengaluru now has multiple preschools, regarded as a boon by working parents. But how many such exist in the city?

Though the Department of School Education and Literacy is the sanctioning authority, it has no data on the number of schools and students – a clear indication of lax monitoring of these centres.

The lack of separate rules and regulations, and a consistent monitoring system have led to the mushrooming of private preschools or Early Childhood Care Education (ECCE) centres, which don't come under the Right to Education Act, 2009.

How many in Karnataka

It is estimated that there are around 40,000 privately run preschools in the State. Among these, about 20,000 preschools, permitted by the Department of School Education and Literacy, are managed by various private educational institutions. The rest are stand-alone establishments not attached to schools.

The department specifies guidelines while giving permission. One of them is that a preschool should have a minimum area of 2,000 sq.ft. of demarcated play space and separate toilets for boys and girls. But, there is no mechanism to check if these rules are being followed.

Will NEP change the scenario?

Will the situation change with Karnataka getting set to implement National Education Policy-2020 (NEP-2020) in primary education? The policy promises universal access at all levels of learning from pre-primary school to Class XII. It promises quality early childhood care and schooling from the age of three.

> For early childhood education, there are preprimary classes, like LKG and UKG, in private schools. There are also State-run anganwadis, besides multiple independent franchisee preprimary schools. There is no uniformity in the preprimary education system.
>
> **NIRANAJAN-ARADHYA V.P.**
> Developmental educationist

The existing 10+2 school curriculum structure will be replaced by a 5+3+3+4 curriculum structure corresponding to ages 3 to 8, 8 to 11, 11 to 14, and 14 to 18, respectively. This new system will include 12 years of schooling with three years of anganwadi or pre-primary education.

The government of Karnataka has set up a task force headed by a former IAS officer to implement NEP in primary education. It has selected 20,000 anganwadis across the State to implement NEP in early childhood care education.

However, privately run preschools (variously called Montessori, kindergarten, day schools etc.), some by individuals and some by franchisees, are likely to get little attention at the moment under NEP.

The task force is currently focused on framing a curriculum for anganwadis, which come under the Directorate of Woman and Child Development Department in the Integrated Child Development Service Scheme (ICDS) programme.

In such a context, activists and educationists say that the State government should bring preprimary education on the whole under the fold of the Education Department and ensure monitoring under NEP.

To be consistent with NEP, the government should also amend the RTE Act and bring 3 to 18 years under its fold rather than 6 to 14 years. However, there is no thinking in the government on either of these fronts at the moment.

Curriculum cannot be imposed

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Madan Gopal, Chairman of the NEP Task Force, admitted that their focus is not on private preschools. "In the first phase, we are implementing NEP in 20,000 anganwadis, taking it as one unit as the foundational stage. As far as private preschools are concerned, nothing can be imposed on them. After the release of State curriculum work, they will also be asked to follow. But it cannot be imposed on them; it will be an option," he said.

Niranajanaradhya V.P., a developmental educationist, said there are multiple methods of preschool education with little attempt at uniformity or monitoring.

"For early childhood education, there are preprimary classes, like LKG and UKG, in private schools. There are also State-run anganwadis, besides multiple independent franchisee preprimary schools. There is no uniformity in the preprimary education system," he said. He also pointed out the lack of people trained in Nursery Teacher Training.

Some charge very high fee

Shashikumar D., General Secretary for Associated Managements of Schools in Karnataka, pointed out that some high-end preschools charge between ₹75,000 to ₹1 lakh, and there is no monitoring of this.

"The department is only a permission-giving authority and has no mandate to monitor them. So there is no accountability. We have submitted a memorandum to the government to form some regulation in this regard, but there is no progress," he said.

Students playing at a preschool in Bengaluru. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Citizens split over preschools located in residential areas

Students at an anganwadi at Ganganagar in Bengaluru. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
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Parashurama Nayak, a resident of Kodichikkanahalli, East Bengaluru, had to shift his residence to another street after facing repeated traffic jams in front of his house and constant noise of vehicles that ferried children to a preschool next door.

"For the past five years, the preschool has been running illegally in a residential building disturbing the whole area. I have repeatedly complained to the civic body, but nothing has changed. Preschools in residential areas should be shut down," says Mr. Nayak.

Differing views

However, the debate on allowing preschools in residential areas is polarising. Parents argue that children cannot endure long-distance travel, especially in high-traffic commercial hubs, over concerns about their safety. They feel preschools in residential bylanes are a blessing.

Various Montessori and preschools recently claimed that they had been notified by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) asking them to move out of residential colonies. However, one of the owners argued that child-care centres could not be treated as commercial activities.

However, contrary to the popular perception among Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs) that preschools are commercial activities and should not be allowed in residential areas, nursery schools have been categorised as "Urban Amenities 2" or "U2" in Bangalore Development Authority's Revised Master Plan - 2015, presently in force in the city. U2 is allowed in residential areas.

However, there is a grey area in RMP - 2015. While it lists the prerequisite road width for a list of 20 urban amenities to be located on that road, in the range of 12 to 18 metres (40 to 60 feet), including for middle and high schools, it doesn't specify any road width for nursery schools, leaving room for confusion among RWAs, parents, preschools and civic officials. This notwithstanding, many preschools are guilty of several other violations. Several preschools in the city are located even on roads narrower than 40 feet, the minimum width of a road to have an urban amenity. Traffic jams on such roads when parents drop and pick up their children block roads for hours.

Meanwhile, civic officials, who had served notices to several preschools in the East Zone, said these institutions had a plan approval for residential purposes and not to run a preschool. "As per building bye-laws, a preschool is of non-residential purpose, and hence running them in residential buildings is a clear violation of the law. So we have served notices asking them to shut down the facility," a senior official said.

Preschools in residential bylanes

Parents say preschools in commercial zones are not safe for children and schools need to be closer home to avoid long commutes, an argument that even the traffic police seem to buy.

"We chose a preschool based on proximity to our homes. There are over a dozen of them in our locality. BBMP should not shut them down," said Rashmi Shekhar, whose daughter goes to a preschool in Bommanahalli.

At a recent interaction with *The Hindu*, M.A. Saleem, Special Commissioner (Traffic), said schools were better off near residential areas than commercial hubs. "This will not only avoid traffic in commercial hubs but also is safe for children to commute," he said. However, many residents disagree. " Because these are in residential hubs, traffic police personnel are not present there to regulate traffic," said Manoj Kumar, a resident of HSR Layout.

It is not the first time the civic body has tried to evict preschools from residential areas. In 2017, it served notices to over 4,000 preschools asking them to shut down. However, following a backlash from parents, the civic body halted all the processes to regulate preschools, only to make a comeback recently, again to be faced with the ire of parents.

Groove with the Gqom King

Known as a pioneer in the gqom genre, DJ Lag says he will present something new for his Indian audience

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Lwazi Asanda Gwala, aka DJ Lag, will kickstart his four-city India tour (Mumbai, New Delhi and Goa) with a performance in Bengaluru on February 17. His performance, a part of Ultra Soulflyp, will also feature IAMDDB, a Manchester-based rapper, also known as the 'jazz queen'. Ultra Soulflyp is a series of events that celebrates culture and community.

Lag, from Durban, is a pioneer of the world-conquering South African dance music genre, gqom, known for its powerful sounds. It can be heard at festivals and is used in clubs all around the world. Lag, who started off making original music while he was still a high school student, is credited with original music tracks including 'Ice Drop' and 'Umlilo'. He made his international live debut in 2016 at the Unsound Festival in Poland. That was the start of his international career and he has since gone on to perform at the RedBull SonarDome at Sonar Barcelona, MELT Festival in Germany, Afropunk Atlanta and London's Jazz Café.

He has produced 'My Power' for Beyoncé's 2019 Grammy-nominated album *The Lion King: The Gift* (the companion album to the live action remake of *The Lion King*).

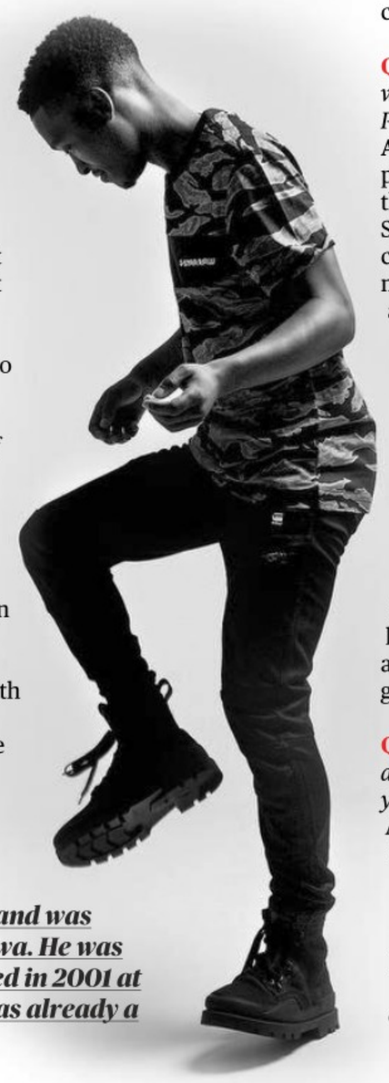
Over a call from Dubai, Lag talks to *MetroPlus* about his DJing, gqom and more.

Edited excerpts

Question: *What inspired you to become a DJ?*
Answer: I grew up in Clermont and was inspired by the works of DJ Msawawa. He was the best when he started in 2001 at the age of seven and was already a super star. He is the one who inspired me to become a DJ.

Q: *You are called the king of the gqom style of music. If there is a certain characteristic of this genre, what would it be?*
A: It is a style similar to Bacardi, which was huge in 2001-2002.

It was a kind of dance music that was popular with most dance groups those days. That is what I believe gqom started off as.



I grew up in Clermont and was inspired by DJ Msawawa. He was the best when he started in 2001 at the age of seven and was already a super star

The beat master DJ Lag looks forward to his India tour.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Q: *How much of your culture do you bring to your music?*
A: I use a lot of drums in my music. The drums are the main instrument for the Zulus and I use them extensively in my music.

Q: *What are your thoughts on collaborations with other musicians and DJs...*
A: I started off as an independent artiste, working on my own and creating music. It was only later that collaborations happened. I enjoy the process of working with producers and artistes. Sometimes I have a hard time when a producer feels a certain part of the music has to be edited, and, I feel the cut will change the whole rhythm or beat of my music. So, yes, collaboration, can be fun and also a lifelong learning process. I am still learning when it comes to collaborations.

Q: *How was your experience working with Beyoncé for 'My Power'?*
A: It was amazing. She played one of my songs, at the Global Citizen Festival in South Africa. It was this collaboration that led to the making of 'My Power'. Her agency contacted me and asked if I had some beats, I shared five options, and they liked two.

Q: *Could you share your thoughts on the Indian DJ scene..*
A: I am hoping to meet some Indian DJs and producers here. I look forward to work here, hope everything goes well and we come up with some great collaborations.

Q: *What can the Bengaluru audience look forward to at your show here?*
A: I have something new for India and can't wait to play it. It is unique and new music that I will be testing out here. So, Bengaluru get ready...

DJ Lag will perform at Gylt on February 17.

Striking a fine balance

The Whitefield Art Collective opens its sixth edition in the city following a two-year break

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Starting this weekend, the city will see a blitz of artwork by students and established artists, spread over the VR Bengaluru campus. Titled A Fine Balance, the show curated by Sumi Gupta and supported by the Yuj Arts Foundation, centres around the relationship between man and Nature, with a special emphasis on climate change and sustainability.

Collectives such as ArtFlute and Synesthesia as well as institutions like Chitra Kala Parishath, Sristi Manipal Institute of Art, Design and Technology and other art schools around the city have contributed over a hundred paintings, photos, installations and other works of art focussing on man's coexistence with Nature. There will be an art bazaar from March 4 to 12.

The Whitefield Art Festival will be held between February 18 and March 18 at VR Bengaluru, Whitefield Main Road. For updates on festival events and activities follow @vrbengaluru and @whitefieldartcollective on Instagram.

Sensory overload Art from a previous edition of the Whitefield Art Festival.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

STEPOUT

Starry night

Nexus Shantiniketan Mall, as part of the ongoing celebration of the love month, will screen the Bollywood film, *Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara.*
It will be screened under the mall's Movie Under the Sky series, where you get sit in open air and watch the film.
On February 18 at the mall's Algorithm area. Tickets on BookMyShow

Voice it out

This podcasting workshop — Hit Record — will be conducted by podcaster Piyush Agarwal. It is open to children aged between eight and 12 years and the focus will be on crafting audio stories and interviews. Fee is ₹799.
On February 19, 4pm at Atta Galatta, 1st Stage Indiranagar.
Tickets on https://pages.razorpay.com/HitRecord

Reality on hold

Singer song writer Tarang Joseph draws from personal and philosophical influences

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When you do not know what to say, lyrics can be a lifesaver. Or at the very least brighten your bae's mood. What do songwriters do when they are stumped for words?

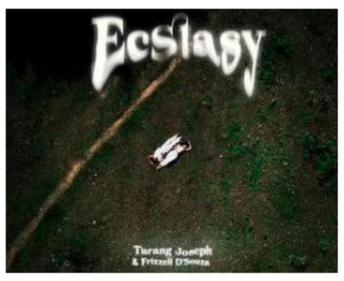
Singer-songwriter Tarang Joseph says, "I have words when I think of a song and sometimes I can't put them together, but they paint a picture. I was trying to capture a fleeting moment that felt ecstatic, of feeling completely intoxicated, of being in a state of infatuation," elaborating about his recently released single, 'Ecstasy'.

"Lush. Ethereal. That's what I tried to capture in the song with an ebb and flow of energy, mimicking a human heartbeat. I had written 'Ecstasy' in early 2021 but felt it needed something more – a call in response, a delicate energy to counter my male vocals."

Tarang says he had been following Frizzell D'Souza on social media since 2019, but last year, chance brought him in touch with her manager Arvind Shenoy of The Urban Weaver. "The whole song came together with her voice." Written by Tarang and featuring Frizzell, with Surya Kalyan and Adesh Vinod on the guitars, the video is produced by Doc Awes and mastered by Stuart G Hawkes.

"With 'Ecstasy' I wanted to capture the feeling of how being in love can feel much larger than life, enveloping you and putting you in an intoxicated trance. Love for anything can be blissful and transcendent."

'Ecstasy', streaming on all music platforms, has made it to the top of many popular must-listen lists.



Over the moon Tarang Joseph and Frizzell D'Souza (below).
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INBRIEF

'Ensure cooling period for retired judges to join politics'

JD(S) MLA A.T. Ramaswamy on Thursday expressed concern over the trend of judges and bureaucrats joining political parties immediately after their retirement and demanded that a cooling period of five to 10 years should be prescribed for them to join politics after their retirement so that they cannot misuse their power. Raising the issue in the Assembly, he alleged that such persons with political intentions would not have executed their responsibilities dispassionately or would have amassed wealth as part of their plans to join politics. Prescribing a cooling period for joining politics could serve as a deterrent for such corrupt practices, he argued.

He made it clear that he was not against any official or judge joining politics after retirement.

'Anti-people' policies opposed

Various organisations of farmers, labourers, women, students, minorities, and Salits held a rally at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on Thursday under the umbrella of 'Samyukta Horata-Karnataka' to make a slew of demands ahead of the Assembly elections. "The State and the Central governments have together ushered in a series of anti-people policies and legislations, including those against farmers, and they should be taught a lesson," they said in a joint release and added that the real issues of people were masked by politics of hate.

Minister's appeal to 'finish off' Siddaramaiah leads to uproar

Ashwath Narayan in his defence says he only meant defeating the former CM electorally and not causing any physical harm

IN THE LEGISLATURE

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Legislative Assembly witnessed pandemonium on Thursday when Opposition Congress members sought action against Higher Education Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan's alleged controversial appeal to "finish off"' the former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

While Mr. Siddaramaiah, in a series of tweets, accused Dr. Ashwath Narayan of trying to "instigate" people to kill him and urged Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to immediately sack the Minister, the latter claimed that his words were being misinterpreted and he was willing to "express regret" in case the Congress leader was hurt.

Event at Mandya

Speaking at a BJP workers' meeting in Mandya, Dr. Ashwath Narayan had stoked a controversy by allegedly appealing to people to "finish off"' Mr. Siddaramaiah "the way two Vokkaliga chieftains Uri Gowda and Nanje Gowda had killed Mysuru ruler Tipu Sultan". Right-wing groups have been propagating that the two Vokkaliga chieftains had killed Tipu, who was felled in the III Anglo-Mysore war against in 1799.

Congress members staging a protest in the Well of the Legislative Assembly in Bengaluru on Thursday.

In the Assembly, senior Congress member U.T. Khader raised the issue during the zero hour and demanded *suo motu* registration of a case against Dr. Ashwath Narayan. Priyank Kharge, Krishna Byre Gowda, and Eshwar Khandre (all Congress) too sought action against the Minister. Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri then asked Dr. Ashwath Narayan to reply.

The Minister said he spoke in a village in Mandya and that his statement was being "misinterpreted". In case Mr. Siddaramaiah was hurt, he would express regret, Dr. Ashwath Narayan said and claimed that by "finishing off", he meant defeating the the former Chief Minister electorally and not causing any physical harm.

Then Mr. Khandre appealed to the Speaker to allow him to speak on the matter, which led to a heated exchange of words between the two. Irked by some of the Speaker's comments, Congress members staged a dharna in the Well of the House. The Speaker adjourned the House for 15 minutes.

When the House assembled again, Mr. Kageri said his statements were not meant to hurt voters of Bhalki, represented by Mr. Khandre, and he would look into records and expunge the statements. Congress members then withdrew the dharna. Mr. Khandre said he too respected the Speaker and he did not expect such statements from the chair which would hurt voters of his constituency.

Series of tweets

Meanwhile, Mr. Siddaramaiah, in a series of tweets, attacked Dr. Ashwath Narayan and the government. It was surprising that no action had been taken against a Minister who had "openly appealed to people to kill", he said.

He said that since no action had been taken against the Minister, it showed that Mr. Bommai, Home Minister Araga Jnanendra, and their "incompetent Cabinet are in agreement with Dr. Ashwath Narayan". The former Chief Minister said, "How can we expect love & friendship from the leaders of the party that worships the murderer of Mahatma Gandhi?" The Congress also put out a series of tweets on its official handle. There were protests by Congress workers in various cities.

'Financial assistance for minority students will continue'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Thursday assured the Legislative Council that scholarships and other financial assistance for PhD course and foreign studies of minority community students would be continued.

Responding to Congress member Abdul Jabbar's question asked on behalf of his party colleague Saleem Ahmed, the Chief Minister said he had directed the officials to clear scholarship and financial assistance applications of minority students as and when they come. "As announced in the last year's Budget, Abdul Kalam Residential Schools for classes 6 to 12 have been started in 29 districts in rented buildings. School buildings will be built once land is available," he said.

The proposal seeking release of ₹54.14 crore to complete the construction of 126 'shadi mahals' (marriage halls) would be examined, he said. He also promised ₹10 crore each to the Karnataka State Brahmin Development Board and Karnataka Arya Vysya Development Corporation.

Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel plant will not be closed: CM

Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel plant at Bhadravati. FILE PHOTO

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government will not give any opportunity to close down Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Ltd. (VISL), a subsidiary of Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL), at Bhadravati in Shivamogga district, and the Centre will be urged to retract from its decision on the closure of the plant, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommi on Thursday informed the Legislative Assembly.

In reply to B.K. Sangameshwara (Congress) and the former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa (BJP) during the zero hour, Mr. Bommai said he had written to Union Steel Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia to call one more expression of interest to seek investment from iron companies for reviving the plant. When the Centre had called first bidding for revival of the plant, no investor had shown interest. Later, the Board of Industrial and Financial Restructuring decided to close the company.

The plant began incurring financial loss following the closure of mining in Kudremukh by the KIOCL and later the plant was taken over by SAIL. Steps would be taken for revival of the plant and ensure jobs to existing employees, the Chief Minister said.

Earlier, Mr. Yediyurappa told the State government to write to the Centre seeking its intervention for revival of the plant, which is Karnataka's pride. Mr. Sangameshwara urged the government to pass a resolution in the House appealing to the Centre to take steps for revival of the plant.

Kumaraswamy's remark on Shah plunges Assembly into pandemonium

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Legislative Assembly plunged into pandemonium on Thursday as the ruling BJP and Opposition JD (S) members indulged in a heated exchange of words after JD(S) leader and former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy launched a counter-attack at Union Home Minister Amit Shah for remarking at an event in Mandya that the H.D. Deve Gowda family had "turned the State into their ATM".

J.C. Madhuswamy and H.D. Kumaraswamy. FILE PHOTOS

Participating in a debate in the Assembly on the motion of thanks to the Governor's address, Mr. Kumaraswamy expressed anger over Mr. Shah levelling accusations against his family. In the course of argument, he referred to Mr. Shah in singular. Taking exception to Mr. Shah making charges against his father, he said, "Let Mr. Shah say anything about me, but not about my father as he has never indulged in such political practices. Does Mr. Shah know how [Prime Minister] Narendra Modi treats Deve Gowda and how much respect [the former Prime Minister] A.B. Vajpayee had towards him?"

This angered the BJP whose members launched a counter-attack, led by Law Minister J.C. Madhuswamy. During the verbal exchange, the Minister said, "We too know what you bark outside."

This angered the JD(S) members who trouped to the Well of the House and commenced a dharna demanding that the remarks by the Law Minister should be expunged. On his part, the Law Minister defended his remarks, saying that he cannot keep quiet when the Opposition attacks top leaders. Finally, the protesting members withdrew their dharna after Kumar Bangarappa, who was in the chair, assured them of examining their demand.

Meanwhile, Mr. Kumaraswamy stirred up a hornet's nest by harking back to the episode of him not transferring power to the BJP after heading a coalition government with the party for 20 months. Mr. Kumaraswamy said Mr. Yediyurappa himself had admitted during a speech after joining the KJP that he (Mr. Kumaraswamy) had transferred power, but his own partymen had "backstabbed" him.

Mr. Kumaraswamy alleged that he had learnt through Mr. Yediyurappa that BJP leaders in Delhi had insisted on signing a written agreement with several conditions that had been rejected by Mr. Yediyurappa. This was the bone of contention that broke the coalition, he claimed. Interestingly, Mr. Yediyurappa, though present in the House, chose to keep quiet.

Krishna Byre Gowda's charge

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Congress member Krishna Byre Gowda on Thursday alleged in the Legislative Assembly that several officials of the Revenue Department had illegally transferred several tracts of prime government land around the international airport at Devanahalli to private parties by taking huge bribes.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

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Last date for submission of Tender documents through e-Procurement Portal of GoK **(www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in) 23.02.2023 up to 17.30 Hrs.** and date of opening tender: **27.02.2023 at 11.00 Hrs.** Further details can be obtained in website of City Municipal Council, **www.shidlaghattacity.mrc.gov.in** In case the above mentioned dates are declared as public holidays then the next working days will be considered. For further details contact Technical Section of the office.
Sd/- Municipal Commissioner
City Municipal Council, Shidlaghatta
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Our Client intends to purchase the Schedule Properties from its Owner **Mr. S. KASHILINGAM**, son of Sri Sella Durai Nadar, residing at No. 217, 1st Main, 6th Cross, 3rd Stage, Prakash Nagar, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru - 560021, having purchased the same under 3 Sale Deeds from its predecessors Sri. Bhadaraiah, Smt. Byamma and Sri. Bhaskar, dated 3rd January 2001, 15th July 2002 and 24th January 2003 and registered as **Document No. 11546 of 2000-01** in Book-I, Volume 6583 at pages 24 to 31, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore North Taluk, **Document No. 7838 of 2002-03,** in Book-I, Stored in CD No. 80, in the office of the Senior Sub Registrar, Bangalore North Taluk and **Document No. 23593 of 2002-03**, in Book-I, Stored in CD No. 105, in the office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Bangalore North Taluk.
Any person having any claim or charge over the Schedule Properties shall lodge their claim or objections, if any, together with documentary proof to the undersigned within **10 days** from the date of this notice failing which it would be deemed that there is no claim, charge or encumbrance whatsoever on the Schedule Properties and further our Client can proceed to purchase the above Schedule Properties and any subsequent claim or objections in this regard shall be deemed to have been waived.
SCHEDULE PROPERTIES
Item I :
All that piece and parcel of Eastern Portion of Residential Properties bearing **Site No.21 and 28** (being composite Sites) BBMP **Khata No. 306/12/2/21/28**, situated at Maruthinagar, 150 Feet Road, Nagashettihalli, Bengaluru, presently comes within the jurisdiction of BBMP, Ward No. 8, Kodigehalli, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 20 Feet, North to South 60 Feet, totally measuring **1,200 Sq. Ft.**, and bounded on :
EAST BY : Property bearing Site No. 30 belonging to Kashilingam;
WEST BY : Property bearing No.21A & 28A
NORTH BY : Being Road, Property bearing No. 19A and;
SOUTH BY : Road.
Item No. II :
All that piece and parcel of Eastern Portion of Residential Properties bearing **Site No.21A and 28A** (being composite Sites) **Khata No.2133**, BBMP **Khata No. 307/2133/12/2/21A&28A**, situated at Maruthinagar, 150 Feet Road, Nagashettihalli, Bengaluru, presently comes within the jurisdiction of BBMP, Ward No. 8, Kodigehalli, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 20 Feet, North to South 60 Feet, totally measuring **1,200 Sq. Ft.**, and bounded on :
EAST BY : Property bearing Site No.21 & 28;
WEST BY : Property bearing Site No.9, 22, 27 & 27A;
NORTH BY : Property bearing Site No. 28B & 27-B and;
SOUTH BY : Road.
Item No. III :
All that piece and parcel of Residential Property bearing **Site No.19A**, BBMP **Khata No. 310/52/1/19A**, situated at Maruthinagar, 150 Feet Road, Nagashettihalli, Bengaluru, presently comes within the jurisdiction of BBMP, Ward No. 8, Kodigehalli, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 40 feet, North to South on the Eastern Side 9.6 feet and North to South on the Western side 15.0 Feet, totally measuring **492 Sq. Ft.**, and bounded on : EAST BY : Remaining Land;
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INBRIEF

Telangana irrigation is model to nation: Bhagwant Mann

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann said at Siddipet that the irrigation system being implemented in Telangana stands as a role model for the nation. He visited Kondapochammasagar in Gajwel constituency on Thursday and examined the project. Irrigation Special Chief Secretary Rajat Kumar explained Mr. Mann about the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project.

Tribal couple carry baby's body on scooter for 120 km

A tribal couple carried the body of their newborn on a scooter to Paderu, about 120 km from Visakhapatnam, en route to their hamlet on Thursday as the staff at the King George Hospital allegedly refused to provide an ambulance. The parents also alleged that the baby died due to negligence. Hospital Superintendent P. Ashok Kumar said they left before an ambulance could be arranged. They were moved into an ambulance at Paderu. The baby had been on ventilator support for 14 days, he said.

Kantara case: Kerala HC stays case against actor Prithviraj

The Kerala High Court on Thursday stayed further proceedings in a case registered against actor Prithviraj Sukumaran on a complaint filed by the music band Thaikkudam Bridge that its music composition was used in the Kannada film *Kantara* without its permission. The actor said that he was only a distributor of the film and was not involved in the production of the film or in the making of its music in any capacity.

PM's flight to be the first to land at Shivamogga airport

It is going to be inaugurated on February 27; B.Y. Raghavendra says land-losers will get Karnataka Housing Board sites; those who parted with land have been protesting

Sathish G.T.
HASSAN

Set for opening: The airport at Sogane near Shivamogga has been built at a cost of nearly ₹600 crore.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will arrive in Shivamogga on February 27 to inaugurate the airport, and his will be the first flight to land at the airport, Shivamogga Lok Sabha member B.Y. Raghavendra said on Thursday.

Addressing a press conference in Shivamogga, Mr. Raghavendra said the Prime Minister would also inaugurate various development works and lay foundation stone for some.

As per the tentative plan, the Prime Minister would reach the airport by 12.30 p.m. He will address a rally on the airport premises.

"We are expecting a turnout of over 2 lakh people. The elected representatives have already begun arrangements," he said.

Once the airport is inaugurated, it would take another 15 days to one month to start regular operations. The list of flights to operate from the airport would be finalised, after studying demand, he said.

Cost of project

The airport has been built at a cost of nearly ₹600 crore. Of that, ₹449 crore has been spent on infrastructure, while the rest for land acquisition.

Referring to protests by people who parted with their land for the project, Mr. Raghavendra said the land-losers would get Karnataka Housing Board (KHB) sites. "The sites are ready and 320 families will get them," he said.

The residents of seven villages in Shivamogga taluk had urged the district administration to allot sites measuring 60x40 to all families that have given up land, as promised earlier. They had warned the administration of staging protest in front of the airport if their demand was not fulfilled.

The airport has come up on 663 acres of land and is said to be the second biggest in the State after the Bengaluru international airport.

Quantum of relief

The project was proposed during the JD(S)-BJP alliance rule in 2007, when B.S. Yediyurappa was the Deputy Chief Minister. The government acquired land from 305 families. Those who possessed the land got ₹7 lakh per acre while the *bagair hukum* cultivators got ₹2 lakh per acre. Besides that, the government, in writing, had assured all the land-losers a site.

"For 15 years, we have been waiting for the grant of sites," said Anil Kumar G., a member of Sogane Gram Panchayat. His family gave up three acres of land for the airport project. "The government had also assured a job each to families. However, it was only an oral assurance. But since the assurance of sites was in writing, some families have moved court," he said.

The district administration has maintained that the families would get sites sanctioned in the KHB layout provided the petition pending before the High Court was withdrawn. However, the families are not ready to withdraw the petition until the sites are allotted.

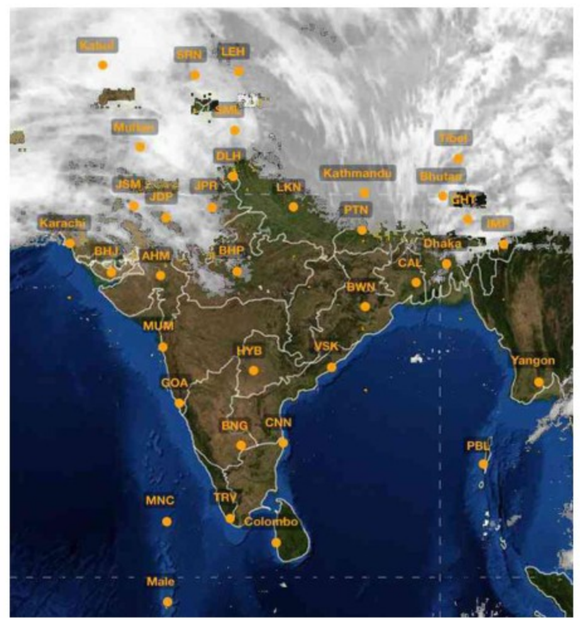
Matter of trust

R. Vijay Kumar, a resident of Santhekadur, who was leading the families in the protests, told *The Hindu* that the people had lost trust in the administration. "Last year, the government acquired an additional 24 acres of land as the plan for the runway was revised. The elected representatives had assured the land-losers ₹40 lakh per acre. Later, the administration did not give the amount, stating that the land acquired was government land," he said.

Besides that, 51 people of Vinayakanagar were distributed cultivation slips near the airport in September 2022. Later, however, the beneficiaries received notices asking them why the grant of land should not be cancelled.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Friday: No weather warning

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	27.6	13.1	Kozhikode	—	34.6	24.0
Ahmedabad	—	37.5	13.6	Kurnool	—	37.4	17.7
Aizawl	—	24.0	7.1	Lucknow	—	28.4	12.1
Allahabad	—	29.3	10.8	Madurai	—	34.4	18.1
Bengaluru	—	32.0	16.1	Mangaluru	—	33.5	21.3
Bhopal	—	31.1	12.4	Mumbai	—	37.5	18.2
Bhubaneswar	—	33.8	16.6	Mysuru	—	33.2	16.2
Chandigarh	—	27.8	12.5	New Delhi	—	28.7	10.5
Chennai	—	31.5	20.9	Patna	—	27.8	11.4
Coimbatore	—	33.0	19.1	Port Blair	—	30.6	24.7
Dehradun	—	27.4	10.6	Puducherry	—	31.1	19.2
Gangtok	—	17.8	9.1	Pune	—	35.2	15.7
Goa	—	38.2	19.6	Raipur	—	34.0	16.8
Guwahati	—	29.2	12.6	Ranchi	—	26.8	11.6
Hubballi	—	36.0	18.0	Shillong	—	19.5	7.5
Hyderabad	—	34.2	17.0	Shimla	—	21.7	10.0
Imphal	—	28.2	10.3	Srinagar	—	14.4	1.3
Jaipur	—	31.7	14.0	Thiruvananthapuram	—	31.3	23.6
Kochi	—	30.8	24.0	Tiruchi	—	32.1	19.6
Kohima	—	20.8	9.0	Vijayawada	—	34.0	19.8
Kolkata	—	29.2	15.0	Visakhapatnam	—	30.9	23.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.41	218	.83	...151	...149	
Bengaluru	...9	108	.51	86	...129	
Chennai	.21	..43	.53	...203	...134	
Delhi	.24	127	.97	...331	...339	
Hyderabad	.42	..65	.24	...114	...143	
Kolkata	.18	..14	.73	...269	...174	
Lucknow	.26	..98	.50	...307	...248	
Mumbai	.25	..51	.93	...344	...248	
Pune	.90	139	114	...273	...153	
Visakhapatnam	...8	..41	.35	...148	...157	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Begusarai, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 433 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Nandesari, Gujarat recorded a healthy AQI score of 34

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

U.K. tourist passes away in Hampi

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

Ronald Brown, 66, a tourist from the United Kingdom, died due to ill health in Hampi on February 12.

As per information provided by Vijayanagara Police, Brown was a retired school teacher and a native of Birmingham in the U.K.

He did not have any family and was living alone. He arrived in Hampi in December last year and stayed with his guide in Hampi. He visited Goa for 15 days before returning to Hampi. "Brown had wheezing problem. He was also suffering from urinary tract infection. We have informed the U.K. Embassy," Vijayanagara Superintendent of Police Shrihari Babu B.L. told *The Hindu*.

Fire fury

Charred remains: Over 300 seized vehicles were destroyed in a huge fire that broke out in the police dumping yard at Vellarampara in Kerala's Kannur on Thursday. The Fire and Rescue Service personnel said the fire might have started in a nearby area and spread to the yard. The fire was brought under control after about three hours. S. K. MOHAN

Police don peacemaker role to stop gang war

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

It was a unique event on Thursday as people of Chadchan town gathered in hundreds to witness a historic oath-taking ceremony of two gang lords being administered by a local seer in the presence of senior police officers on the dais.

With this, a five-decade-old bloody rivalry between the Bhairagonda Sahukar family and Chadchan family, which started a fight over an illicit affair in 1970 and witnessed a war with several ruthless murders, revenge attacks, supari killings and illegal arms trades in six villages of Vijayapura district, has ended.

The Bhimatira gang's story is similar to the movie 'Rakta Charitra', which led to a crime series and even a movie in Kannada in 2012. The police in the region often failed to contain the gang wars and maintain law and order, which pushed the locals to live under a shadow of fear.

This time, Additional Director-General of Police (Law and Order) Alok Kumar decided to end this for good and roped in Superintendent of Police H.D. Anand Kumar. "The purpose of this programme was to create a peaceful atmosphere as the region has got a bad name and people are not getting alliances and work due to its bloody history. The history of the place and the glory of the land of Basaveshwara needed to be restored," Mr. Anand Kumar told *The Hindu*. On Wednesday, a public programme under the banner "police for literacy" saw Mallikarjuna Chadachana and his rival Mahadeva Bhairagonda – heads of both the gangs – on the stage with seers and police officials and were administered oath not to continue the fight and hatred and live peacefully.

Inspector-General of Police (Northern range) N. Satish Kumar, along with other senior police officers, interacted with the students and distributed school kits to them.

"Our efforts were to clean up the vitiated atmosphere created by the two groups for the last 50 years in the region. The district police did the groundwork for the last six months to end this and ensure ceasefire and no hostility," Mr. Alok Kumar said.

Dog breeding centre jail to down shutters

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The dog breeding centre at the Ernakulam district jail is about to down shutters owing to operational costs and practical difficulties. The three mother dogs – Dobermann, Labrador Retriever, and a German Shepherd – aged three-and-a-half years, will be auctioned off on Friday.

The officer who was in charge of the breeding centre got transferred six months ago, and an inmate who was actively involved in feeding the dogs and taking them out for stroll and exercise got released, leaving the running of the centre a liability.

Submit report on Rushikonda work by March 16, HC tells panel

The Hindu Bureau
VIJAYAWADA

Green concerns: Construction activity atop Rushikonda in Visakhapatnam. FILE PHOTO

A Division Bench of the Andhra Pradesh High Court on Thursday directed the expert committee constituted by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) for inquiring into the alleged illegal construction activity atop Rushikonda in Visakhapatnam to submit its findings by March 16.

The Bench, which was led by Chief Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra and comprising Justice N. Jayasurya, was hearing public interest litigation petitions filed by TDP legislator Velagapudi Ramakrishna Babu and Jana Sena Party corporator P. Murthy Yadav, and an impleadment petition filed by YSRCP Narsapuram MP K. Raghu Ramakrishna Raju with regard to the denudation of the hillock, which was said to be done in blatant violation of the environment laws.

Migratory bird among 231 bird species spotted at Periyar Tiger Reserve in Kerala

The Hindu Bureau
IDUKKI

Authorities have confirmed the presence of a migratory bird for the first time inside the Periyar Tiger Reserve (PTR). The fourth bird survey held at the PTR has spotted 231 bird species in total, including 14 threatened and 20 endemic species.

The four-day survey began on January 26 and was conducted jointly by bird-watchers and the Forest Department.

P.O. Nameer, Professor and Head of the Centre for Wildlife Studies, College of Forestry, Kerala Agricultural University, said that for the first time, the Kashmir flycatcher, a migratory bird, was spotted in the survey at the PTR. "The Kashmir flycatcher is an insectivorous species that breeds in the northwest Himalayas. In the survey, the Orange-breasted green pigeon was also spotted at the PTR after a gap of 100 years," said Dr. Nameer.

After a gap of 100 years, the orange-breasted green pigeon has been spotted at the Periyar Tiger Reserve. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

According to officials, some of the major bird species spotted in the survey include the Nilgiri wood pigeon, Chestnut-winged cuckoo, Large hawk-cuckoo, Malayan night heron, Legge's hawk-eagle, Greater spotted eagle, Lesser fish eagle, Besra, Pallid harrier, Sri Lanka Bay Owl, Great hornbill, White-bellied sholakili, Palani chilappan, Kashmir flycatcher and Orange-breasted green pigeon.

"The PTR supports 20 out of the 26 endemic bird species of the Western Ghats and 14 threatened species," said Dr. Nameer.

Shuffling feet

Navigating foreign trade dynamics needs sharper policy responses

India's goods exports, a key driver of its growth impulses and a major job creator, got off to a disappointing start in 2023. Merchandise shipments fell 6.6% year-on-year to $32.91 billion in January. While this is the second month of contracting exports, the dip is more than double the 3% drop in December 2022 and marks a sharp 13.6% sequential decline. Along with an anticipated post-Christmas cooling off in demand, order books probably took a hit as much from actual slowing of economic activity as buyers' wary assessments about consumer confidence levels, with the new year kicking off amid a pall of gloom and doom on the global economic outlook. Engineering exports fell 10%; pharma products lost momentum as did 14 other products out of India's top 30 export items, including jewellery and textiles. The silver lining is that imports dipped too, bringing the goods trade deficit to a 12-month low of just $17.75 billion, a far cry from the $25-odd billion averaged in each of the previous six months and the record $29.23 billion gap of September 2022. If this trend holds, India's current account deficit for 2022-23 may end up lower than the uncomfortable 3%-plus levels of GDP projected by most agencies.

Yet, the drop in imports during January suggests domestic demand growth is fading. While the year-on-year drop was just 3.6%, the $50.66 billion import bill for January is the smallest in 18 months and 15.8% lower than December's revised $60.2 billion figure. Only a part of this stepdown can be ascribed to lower commodity prices as non-oil, non-gold imports have fallen by a sharper 6.7% from January 2022 levels. The Commerce Ministry has argued that India's weaker trade balance this financial year has been driven by the "two-way effect" of a slowing world economy hurting exports and resilient domestic demand shoring up imports. That effect no longer seems to be at work. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has rightly flagged concerns about Indian exporters' prospects this year amid global slowdown fears. Her prescription that exporters keep closer tabs on developments in different markets to avoid being "demotivated" is also spot on. Amid the overall headwinds, trends are diverging in key markets. U.S. retail sales rebounded to grow faster than expected in January while Japan's trade deficit hit a record; more U.K.-based trading businesses now expect an uptick in turnover this March compared to those that expect a fall, as per a survey by its Statistics office. Industry bodies and the government must work in tandem to tap shrinking opportunities better and help exporters move across this river of uncertainty by feeling the pebbles along the way.

A time to quit

Ms Sturgeon's resignation is a setback for the independence movement

When Nicola Sturgeon, the First Minister of Scotland, announced her resignation on Wednesday, comparisons were immediately drawn between her decision and that of Jacinda Ardern, the former New Zealand Prime Minister who quit last month citing burnout. "In my head and in my heart, I know that time is now," said Scotland's first woman and longest serving First Minister. The parallels actually run deeper. As with Ms Ardern, whose popularity was dipping in the face of policy setbacks, there were underlying reasons behind the Sturgeon exit as well. Ms Sturgeon rose to power in 2014 after Alex Salmond, the Scottish National Party's (SNP) former leader quit following a defeat in a Scottish independence referendum (55% said No). The vote was seen as a setback to the SNP's bid for independence, but Ms. Sturgeon revived the campaign after Britain's European Union exit, arguing that most Scots wanted to stay in the EU. When the U.K. Supreme Court ruled last November that the Scottish Parliament did not have the power to call another referendum on independence without Westminster's approval, she floated a proposal to use the next U.K. general election, due in 2025, as a *de facto* referendum – a victory for pro-independence parties would be seen as a 'Yes' vote, which triggered considerable opposition even within her own party. It may not be a coincidence that her decision to quit comes before a crucial SNP conference, which is expected to take a call on the proposal.

Independence was not her only major challenge. Her promise to expand transgender rights hit a wall after a convicted double rapist, a transwoman, was sent to a women's prison. A Bill passed by the Scottish Parliament to make it easier for trans people as young as 16 to get government recognition for their acquired gender identity was blocked by the U.K. government, citing "safety issues for women and children". Besides, there were growing concerns about the status of the health-care system (a nurses' strike over pay and wariness over the waiting time for accident and emergency cases), an ongoing teachers strike (closing educational institutions) and a police investigation into a loan her husband, Peter Murrell, gave to the SNP. All this put Ms Sturgeon, otherwise a formidable leader, in a spot. Ever since Mr. Salmond quit in 2014, Ms Sturgeon has been the face of the independence campaign and her resignation is a setback for the same. Both Mr. Salmond and Ms Sturgeon failed to break the threshold on their most important cause. Her successor will have to rebuild the movement while also addressing more pressing economic and governance issues immediately.

Reigning over the capital, from above

Even though it has been more than two months since the elections to the Delhi Municipal Corporation were held (December 4, 2022), the city still does not have a Mayor. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) won 134 of the 250 wards, and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), 104 wards. However, the election of the Mayor, which is normally carried out in the first session of a new Council, could not be held on three attempts – on January 6 and 24, and February 6 – as the house was adjourned following tumultuous exchanges between councillors from the BJP and AAP. The reason was that the presiding officer had allowed nominated members to vote in the election for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Standing Committee of the Corporation.

The Lieutenant Governor (LG) of Delhi, V.K. Saxena, had nominated 10 members, often referred to as Aldermen, to the Municipal Corporation just before the first session. AAP members have contested the decision to grant voting rights to these LG-nominated members and have asked for the mayoral elections to be held in a court-monitored manner. In a petition filed by AAP Councillor Shelly Oberoi, a three-judge Bench of the Supreme Court headed by the Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud on Monday orally observed that "nominated members cannot go for election" while scheduling the hearing of the case for Friday. The mayoral election will now be held after the top court hears the case.

The brouhaha over Delhi's mayoral election reveals multiple issues. At one level, it exemplifies the increasing attempt of the Union government to take control over the administration of Delhi. At another, it also raises larger questions regarding how municipal corporations are controlled by higher levels of government.

The question of whether nominated members, or alderman, can vote is fairly straightforward. Section 3(b)(i) of the Delhi Municipal Corporation (DMC) Act, 1957, provides that 10 people who have "special knowledge or experience in municipal administration" are to be nominated to the Corporation, but the proviso clearly states that such nominated persons "shall not have the right to vote in the meetings of the Corporation." Further, Article 243R(2)(a) of the Constitution, which was introduced by the 74th Amendment, provides that state legislation can include those with special knowledge on municipal administration to be represented in municipalities but such persons shall not have the right to vote.

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The political machinations at the Delhi Municipal Corporation are part of the Union government's growing attempts to have a stranglehold on the city's governance

Given such unambiguous constitutional and statutory provisions regarding the voting rights of nominated members, it is distressing to see the mayoral elections delayed on this ground. The real legal questions that are contentious in this context are whether the LG can nominate members independently, how persons having special knowledge in municipal administration are determined, and whether the LG's choice of members can be subject to judicial review. Instead, it is the blatant disregard of the law that the top court must now review.

The larger picture

The political machinations at the Municipal Corporation are part of the Union government's increasing attempts to gain a stranglehold over Delhi's governance. The most brazen exhibition of such power was the passing of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Act, 2021. While ostensibly made to "give effect to the interpretation" of the 2018 judgment of the Supreme Court that had affirmed the primacy of the elected government in Delhi, the amendment in reality nullifies the judgment by "clarifying" that the expression "Government" shall mean the LG.

The amendment further provided that on matters specified by the LG, the Council of Ministers must obtain the permission of the LG before taking any executive decision and also imposed restrictions on the inherent rule-making powers of the Legislative Assembly.

After defanging the Legislative Assembly and the Council of Ministers of Delhi, it is now the municipal administration that the Union seeks to control. In April 2022, Parliament amended the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act to merge the North, South, and East Delhi Municipal Corporations into a single corporation, effectively undoing the trifurcation of the Municipal Corporation carried out in 2011. However, while the trifurcation was effected through an amendment passed by the Delhi Legislative Assembly, the unification was initiated by the Union government and passed by Parliament, undercutting the Legislative Assembly. Though local governments are a state subject under the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, the Union government used its plenary powers under Article 239AA of the Constitution to pass this law. Now, the attempt is to control the unified Municipal Corporation by manufacturing a majority through nominated members.

The logjam in municipal administration in Delhi also raises larger questions about who has the authority to decide how the city is governed. The issue is not merely of the Union government trying to control the Municipal and State governments in Delhi, but of higher levels of government exercising authority over lower levels. In fact, it is the State government that mostly has a tight rein over municipal governments across India. Thirty years after the passing of the 73rd and 74th Amendments that sought to make panchayats and municipalities function as "institutions of self-government", local governments tend to function as administrative vessels of the State government, and not as an independent level of government.

A weakening

Union and State governments stifle the authority of municipal governments in multiple ways. While the 74th Amendment envisaged States to devolve a set of 18 functions to municipal governments, many of these functions continue to be exercised by state government-controlled parastatal agencies such as development authorities. The executive powers of the municipality are often vested with the State government-appointed commissioners, rendering the Mayor to a ceremonial role. Most crucially, municipalities are vested with very few revenue generating powers, keeping them reliant on grants and loans from the State and Union governments. More recently, national-level urban programmes such as the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) and the Smart Cities Mission have given the Union government a larger role in driving urban development and governance.

As local governments get weakened in the midst of an overall centralising trend in Indian polity, there needs to be more conversation about what authority each level of government should exercise. While local autonomy is crucial, higher levels of government can also have a legitimate role in local issues – to ensure regional coordination, reduce spatial inequality, or manage economic and environmental externalities, for example. However, the reasons why Union or State governments interfere in local governance is often not because of such discernable objectives but are driven by the desire to accumulate political and economic power or for short-term electoral advantage. While it is important to acknowledge and understand the realpolitik considerations driving the powers of the municipality, we should also not ignore the fundamental values of local democracy that underpin municipal authority.

Deep sea fish conservation must not go adrift

The Supreme Court of India has given permission to fishermen using purse seine fishing gear to fish beyond territorial waters (12 nautical miles) and within the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) (200 nautical miles) of Tamil Nadu, but observing certain restrictions. The Court's interim order of January 24, 2023, against the banning of purse seine fishing by the Tamil Nadu Government in February 2022, seems to be more concerned about regulating fishing with administrative and transparency measures than about the conservation measures and obligations which a coastal state owes in its EEZ under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). However, conservation measures (as suggested in various regional conventions) and judgments of various tribunals (embodying conservation measures based on best science or relevant scientific evidence to control overfishing and protect endangered marine living resources from extinction) should have informed the order. Purse seiners tend to overfish, unlike traditional fishermen using traditional fish gear, thus endangering the livelihood of the traditional fisher.

Conservation and conventions

The top court should seek guidance from the obligations arising from the multilateral and regional conventions which are meant to bring in sustainable fishing practices over a certain period of time, thereby allowing a common resource such as fish to be naturally replenished. Under Articles 56.1(a) and 56.1(b)(iii) of UNCLOS, coastal states have sovereign rights to ensure that the living and non-living resources of the EEZ are used, conserved and managed, and not subject to overexploitation. Access to the zone by foreign fleets is also solely within the coastal state's discretion and subject to its laws and regulations. In order to prevent overexploitation, coastal States must determine the total allowable catch (TAC) in the EEZ (Articles 61(1) and (2) of UNCLOS) in light of the best scientific evidence available. The guidance from the Convention for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna 1993 (SBT) could have also been sourced by the top court to enable recovery of depleted fishing stocks.

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The purse seiners of Tamil Nadu must note that 'freedom in a commons brings ruin to all' and must comply with conservation measures

The crux of the SBT is TAC and distribution of allocations among the parties to the SBT, which are very relevant from the angle of conservation of general fishery. TAC and the catch quotas are aimed at putting sustainable use into practice among fishermen and maintaining maximum sustainable yield (MSY). The efforts to implement TAC and catch quota might face scientific uncertainty relating to safe limits to ensure MSY. In such a situation, the established international environmental law practice is to lean on adopting a precautionary approach.

Regulation of fishing methods

Merely restricting the purse seiner to fish on two days – Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. – (in the Court order) is not sufficient without regulating the fishing methods used. International legal efforts are gradually moving in the direction of abandoning the use of large-scale pelagic nets. The huge size of the purse seine nets (2,000 metres in length and 200 m in depth) allows maximum catch for the purse seiners, in turn leaving behind insufficient catch for traditional fishermen. There are several regional organisations that either prohibit the use of large drift nets or at least call for their prohibition, such as the 1989 Tarawa Declaration of the South Pacific Forum.

The 1989 Convention for the Prohibition of Fishing with Long Drift Nets in the South Pacific goes as far as to restrict port access for drift net fishing vessels. The United Nations General Assembly passed Resolutions 44/225 (1989) and 46/215 (1991) supported and strengthened this development, calling for a moratoria on all large-scale pelagic drift net fishing vessels in high seas. Although the conventions and the UN General Assembly resolutions are applicable to the state parties in the high seas, these are relevant in terms of preventing overfishing in general and the conservation of fishery management in the EEZ as well.

On non-selective fishing technology

The Court's final judgment needs to look into non-selective fishing methods by purse seiners resulting in the by-catch of other marine living species (which could include, many a times, endangered species) – a potential ground for trade embargo. A party under Article XX (b) can take measures to protect human, animal or plant life provided it involves "conservation of exhaustible natural resources if such measures are made effective in conjunction with restrictions on domestic production or consumption" (Article XX(g). In Shrimp/Turtle, the appellate body held that the U.S. measure – which prohibited imports of shrimp from any country that did not have a turtle-excluder fishing gear comparable to that of the United States – fit the Article XX(g) exception for the conservation of exhaustible natural resources. However, the appellate body also found that the U.S.'s measures had been applied in a way that violated the chapeau: by treating certain Asian countries differently than America's trading partners in the western hemisphere.

Despite the best conservation measures and regulation of fishing methods adopted by the authorities, it will be a challenge in dealing with the limitless character of the seas which renders a common resource such as fish available for exploitation by all. The theory of Garrett Hardin, 'The Tragedy of the Commons', which says 'Freedom in a commons brings ruin to all' should convince all fishermen, especially the purse seiners of Tamil Nadu, that they must cooperate in complying with conservation measures.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Two sides

It has become near standard practice by this government to go after all those who blame or criticise it or even offer fair competition in politics, by brazenly employing agencies such as the Enforcement Directorate and the Income-Tax Department. At the same time, one would like to ask the British Broadcasting Corporation what it has to say about the actions of successive governments in its country in stonewalling extradition proceedings against criminals and fraudsters wanted in India. The truth is that the United Kingdom is functioning as a haven for criminals from India.

V.H. Subramoney,
Bengaluru

The episode around the BBC documentary has only exposed one thing: the hypocrisy of western governments who will turn a blind eye to any wrongdoing in any country so long as they get plum business opportunities in the country concerned. I have a question for the BBC: will it make a similar documentary on the plight of Palestinians under Israeli occupation, or about the Uyghurs in China?

S. Kathiresan,
Chennai

A country with a liberal democracy which allows the free play of views and opinions should have no place for censorship. The press is the fourth pillar of democracy and an attack on its freedom is similar to suppressing the voice of the public. Let government agencies do their jobs. But, without vengeance or vendetta.

Hari Krishnan K.,
Bengaluru

Business first

The inking of mega-business deals with the United States, the United Kingdom and France on one hand and trying to intimidate western interests on the other speaks volumes about the 'carrot and stick' approach of the present government. The lure of the Indian market powered by its huge demography will certainly silence western leaders, but there is no gainsaying that India's democratic credentials and its press freedom have taken a beating as never before.

Syed Sultan Mohiddin,
Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh

My cup of tea

It was a delight to read the item, "Arunachal brews love for local teas on Valentines's Day" (February 15). Such ideas have meaning and must be encouraged.

K.M. Cariappa,
Chennai

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Can investments be free of risk?

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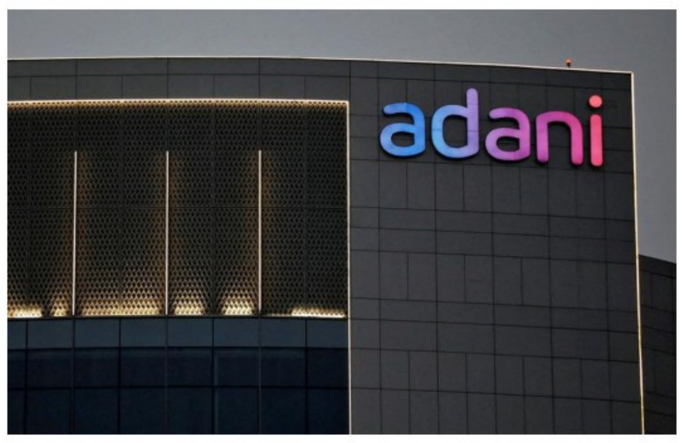
Recently, a three-judge Bench of the Supreme Court put forth the idea of setting up an expert committee that could recommend ways to protect common investors from market events. The court's recommendation came soon after the stocks of the companies of the Adani Group crashed following a report by Hindenburg Research, a U.S.-based investment research firm. It is estimated that the fall in the Adani Group's stocks has cost investors over $100 billion. Can investments be free of risk? Jayati Ghosh and Anand Srinivasan discuss the question in a conversation moderated by **Prashanth Perumal J**. Edited excerpts:

What is the fundamental nature of risk in markets, and why do returns vary based on risk? Why, for instance, does the return on a fixed deposit turn out to be lower than the return on stocks?

Anand Srinivasan: Economists measure risk differently from the way investors measure risk. Economists think volatility is risk, but volatility is not risk. In fact, volatility is an investor's friend and is not to be worried about at all. Volatility refers to the swings in the price of an asset. In the case of fixed deposit, there is no change in the price of the asset, whereas in the case of a bond or a stock, there is a price swing on both sides (up or down). But an investor is worried only about the permanent loss of capital. It is good for an investor when there is volatility because it gives him an opportunity to make profits.

Jayati Ghosh: Typically, in financial markets, investments that are considered risky will require higher returns to attract investors. It holds true for different geographical locations, for example. Investments in some countries in Africa or Asia are considered riskier than investments in the U.S. or Europe. Now, it is true that economists typically look at the variation or change in prices of an asset as an indicator of risk. But that's not the only indicator they look at to measure risk. Investments in particular sectors such as infrastructure are seen as riskier because there's a longer time duration involved and many unexpected forces can come into play.

Do risk-taking investors need to be protected by regulators from losing money in financial markets as suggested by the Supreme Court?



The logo of the Adani group on the facade of one of its buildings in the outskirts of Ahmedabad. REUTERS

Could there be unintended consequences due to such regulations?

AS: I think there are sufficient laws in place to protect small investors. I don't think we need another committee with a judge sitting on it to tell us what to do. The role of the Supreme Court is not to make laws but enforce them. Had the court enforced existing regulations, this sorry state of affairs wouldn't have come to place. If people are greedy, you cannot protect them. Take the case of cryptocurrencies. China has banned cryptocurrencies because it leads to flight of capital. We should have banned cryptocurrencies a long time ago. The Supreme Court is waiting for the government to respond and the government is waiting for the G-20 to respond. Why is the Supreme Court not talking about this? Genuine investors will feel burdened and leave the country if further regulations are added in the name of protecting investors.

JG: It's quite interesting that the Supreme Court has chosen to take this up because less than 2% of the Indian population is involved in the stock market in retail. Retail investors are typically those who have wealth to spar and are willing to invest in risky assets and bear that risk. I don't think the Supreme Court should be intervening in these matters. What it should be doing is to ensure that regulatory bodies in finance actually do their job, because it's not so much the retail investors we should worry about; we should be worrying about the LIC, the State Bank of India, and other places that hold the bulk of personal savings in India. These [public] institutions have been investing in a problematic stock, one in which, let's say, a mutual fund would not invest. Why did they keep doing this despite various red flags? There is a broader failure of the public financial institutions which seem to have been too responsive to non-economic considerations, possibly political considerations.

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Isn't the capture of regulatory bodies by political interests the norm rather than the exception? If you look at the empirical data, aren't independent regulators few and far between?

AS: No. Please look at India from 1991 to 2014. The RBI (Reserve Bank of India) was run by economic professionals during that period. This is the first time a non-economic professional has been made RBI Governor. And show me a person from investment banking who has headed SEBI? None so far. The problem at SEBI is institutional capture. You have not had a proper regulator like Raghuram Rajan; instead, you have somebody from the industry. You cannot make a player in the game the referee. If you want to be a player, you should have had a long career in regulation.

JG: SEBI is actually one of the most empowered regulators in the world. It has got powers of search, seizure, and arrest. It has a surveillance system. It's supposed to catch suspicious trading activity and watch out for price manipulation on a real-time basis. It's beyond comprehension how it could allow this massive increase in the stock price of Adani Enterprises and other stocks for such a long period without noticing it or doing anything about it. And to say now that we've sent some questions to the Adani Group and we are waiting for their response is ridiculous. Furthermore, all the information that Hindenburg Research has released is actually in the public domain. Some of it is even based on written answers in Parliament to Mahua Moitra's questions. So these are all things that SEBI should have been aware of and monitored. It didn't have to take a dramatic collapse of the share prices for SEBI to suddenly sit up and look around. This is an indication of the fact that SEBI has not really been functioning as an independent regulator at all. It is possible that SEBI has instigated various litigations in the past, but it has not taken them forward. So, this is a real comment on the failure of the Indian regulatory process. And even if people in India are scared to speak about all this, foreign investors are noticing that the Indian regulatory system is not really up to the task. This is particularly so in the case of the offshore firms; the regulatory agencies should have been immediately aware of these offshore firms because their purpose is to evade the law.

Should short-selling of stocks be made easier in India, like in the U.S., to keep a check on shady companies?

AS: Short-selling should be made far easier. The whole Indian system is rigged in favour of those going long; it does not encourage people to go short. Securities are not easily available to borrow and sell short. Even in the case of Hindenburg, what the firm has done is it has used credit default swaps to short the Adani bonds that are listed outside India.

JG: Short-sellers do play a role in every financial market, because they often either uncover processes that have been opaque or are problematic, or hasten processes which otherwise would take a long time to unfold. Short-selling is operating on the idea that you can get the market to respond to your behaviour, because you create a kind of 'lemming effect,' where you have some leaders and then everybody else rushes behind them. This has happened in many sectors. Having said that, they also do generate market instability, and they can often operate on rumour rather than on underlying fundamentals. In the case of Hindenburg, short-selling has actually been good for the Indian financial market because it has forced it to confront the reality that the political economy of the country was not letting it confront. Even now, public financial institutions and regulatory bodies are really trying to evade dealing with the problem and are hoping that things will just quiet down. And unfortunately, the political establishment is also trying to present this as an attack on India rather than a genuine attempt to clean up what is a really murky financial and industrial system. This is not in the interest of the Indian people.

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NOTEBOOK

The experience of being the only reporter at a press conference

Trade unions have millions of members, but their demands and activities are largely ignored by the media

A. M. Jigeesh

Recently, I was invited by a Central Trade Union Organisation to a press conference of its national leadership. The union was launching an agitation against the privatisation of public sector undertakings (PSUs). Since the union has taken a pro-government stand on certain issues, I thought the conference would help me file some politically important news reports. One of the union's national secretaries was scheduled to address the conference.

I reached five minutes ahead of time. For a while, nothing happened. Union staff came to me in turns to apologise for the delay. Even half an hour later, I was the only reporter there. The organisers made frantic calls and finally managed to get one YouTuber to attend. The national secretary announced the protest programmes: a march to Parliament was to be followed by dharnas at all the district headquarters. I asked him a few questions about the protest, but I did not ask him what the union would do with the 50 packets of snacks from Bangla Sweets and two big flasks of tea and coffee that it had arranged for reporters and photographers. Later, I covered the Parliament march, which was attended by some 25,000 workers, mostly from PSUs, including defence establishments.

This was not new. I have been covering trade unions for a long time. Irrespective of the political affiliations of the unions, attendance of journalists at union programmes has always been poor. Veteran trade union leader M.K. Pandhe once told a group of journalists at an informal briefing that he depended on western media publications such as the BBC and *The Guardian* to find out how many workers in India had participated in a strike called by the platform of trade unions against the UPA government's policies.

Together, the 12 Central Trade Union Organisations in the country have a membership of more than six crore workers. The membership of these unions and affiliated federations is verified periodically by the State governments. The Union government's verification process has not taken place for some time. Unlike political parties which allow membership even through missed calls, membership of each of these unions is audited. Trade unions file their returns to the Registrar of Trade Unions. It is mandatory for receipt of membership to be filed with the returns. Millions of people are associated with these unions, but the coverage they and their issues get is negligible.

Trade unions across the political divide have been raising issues of livelihood of workers, peasants and unemployed youth. Their demands are echoed in Parliament and their stance is valued and appreciated at meetings of the International Labour Organization (ILO). At a recent meeting of the ILO in Singapore, I saw how world governments, employers and trade unions keenly heard representatives of Indian workers. But the activities and demands of trade unions are largely not covered by the media in India.

Senior trade union leader Amarjeet Kaur, who has spent about five decades in the trade union movement, says many media houses have forgotten the basic principle of objectivity regarding workers' issues. "This trend of ignoring trade unions and workers gained momentum after the implementation of neoliberalism. Trade unions have always been portrayed as being anti-development. Most media houses are biased towards employers and policymakers. Workers are suffering, but the media finds it easy to ignore this," she says. "Thanks to the coverage of the BBC, AFP and others, we know about the strike by nurses in Britain and by workers in France. But how many of us know about the protests by coal miners in Jharkhand?"

This is generally the case with farmers' organisations too. The protests against the three farm laws received wide media coverage only because they were relentless and kept gaining momentum, forcing people to take notice. Perhaps, parts of the media are waiting for such widespread resistance from trade unions too.

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK

It's a bird... It's a plane... It's an F-35A fighter jet!

The U.S. Air Force's (USAF) newest fighters – the multirole F-35A Lightning II and F-35A Joint Strike Fighter — made their debut at the Aero India 2023 airshow in Bengaluru. After flying in from the Hill Air Force Base in Utah, the F-35A Lightning II demonstration team impressed spectators by showing the fighter's aerial capabilities. The F-35A Lightning II from the Eielson Air Force Base in Alaska is on display. MURALI KUMAR K.

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FIFTY YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 17, 1973

Prepared to quit if issue can be solved: PM

Kahla (Pratapgarh), Feb. 16: The Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, to-day offered to step down if that could solve the problem of Andhra Pradesh. Speaking at a public meeting here, Mrs. Gandhi criticised the violence in Andhra Pradesh and appealed to the separatists to sit together and decide how the problem could be solved in a democratic way. "If by removing me the problem can be solved, I am ready to quit," she said. Mrs. Gandhi lashed out at the Opposition parties and alleged that they by their actions did not want the evil of poverty to be removed although they had no courage to oppose openly the socialist policies of the Government. She charged the Opposition parties with weakening the country by trying to sabotage the pro-people policies of the Government. Addressing party workers earlier Mrs. Gandhi asked the Congressmen who had no faith in the party programmes and policies to quit the organisation. Mrs. Gandhi said it was unfortunate that some of the Congressmen had close relations with the Opposition parties particularly reactionaries. These persons had actually no faith in the party policies. Their activities were wrecking the party, she observed, and said: "Such persons should have no alternative but to leave the party. This will be good for both."

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO FEBRUARY 17, 1923

Bihar Council

Patna, Feb. 15: The Hon'ble Khan Bahadur Jajhuruddin introducing the excise budget said that receipts under the head in the revised estimate exceeded the budget by 23 lakhs and next year the revenue was estimated 1 and a half crores or 25 lakhs higher than the budget for 1922-23. This increase was not the result of abnormal consumption which was still considerably below that of 1920-21, but to the policy of raising duty with a view to checking consumption. In 1920-21 Ganja was Rs 20 a seer. The next year duty was raised by 40 per cent which reduced consumption by 330 maunds. In the current year no change in the duty is made but in the first six months consumption was nearly as high as in 1920. The price of opium was also steadily increased and consumption slightly fallen.

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86% polling in Tripura amid sporadic violence

Residents of a couple of villages in Dhanpur blocked an arterial road after they were allegedly prevented from entering a polling station. Union Minister Pratima Bhoumik, who lost to former Chief Minister Manik Sarkar in 2018, is the BJP's candidate from Dhanpur. Mr. Sarkar, who has won the Dhanpur seat five times, did not contest this time. The run-up to the election saw a 25-fold increase in seizures of cash, liquor, drugs, precious metals and freebies, together worth ₹44.67 crore. In 2018, that figure was just ₹1.79 crore.

Thursday's election was special for a new set of voters: Brus, who were resettled in Tripura after displacement from Mizoram due to ethnic violence in 1997. A majority of the 14,055 eligible Bru voters exercised their franchise with enthusiasm at 12 designated locations. Chief Minister Manik Saha, tipped to hold on to the post if the BJP retains power, is seeking re-election from the Town Bordowali constituency. Other prominent candidates are CPI(M) State secretary Jitendra Chowdhury (Sabroom), Congress leader Sudip Roy Barman (Agartala) and Tipra Motha's Purna Chandra Jamatia (Bagma).

'States must pay part of MGNREGS wages'

Going a step further, Mr. Singh remarked, "I believe that we should go to Parliament to amend the MGNREGA to change the contribution [pattern] to a 60-40 [split between the Centre and the States], instead of the Centre bearing 100% of the wage bill. When the States partially bear the burden, they will be more vigilant regarding corruption." The 2023-24 Union Budget allocation for the MGNREGS was cut 33% in comparison to the previous year's revised estimates.

So far, under the Act, the Centre bears 100% of the wages, which are directly paid to the workers' accounts and must be transferred within 15 days of them completing their work. On January 30, the Ministry issued an order tweaking the mode of wage payments, with effect from February 1. Until now, the MGNREGS system allowed two modes of wage payment: "account-based" or "Aadhaar-based". The former is a plain bank transfer. The latter uses Aadhaar as a financial address and sends money to the person's "last Aadhaar-linked account". In its circular, the Ministry argued that the switch to the Aadhaar-based payments only was being done to "ensure effective implementation" of the programme.

Addressing a press conference under the banner of the NREGA Sangharsh Morcha, activists Nikhil Dey, Yogendra Yadav and Jean Dreze said the move was disastrous and would deal a body blow to the programme.

Excluding 57% of workers

"For the Aadhaar-based option to work, not only must the worker's job card and bank account be seeded with Aadhaar, but the account also has to be connected to the National Payments Corporation of India. This connection, known as mapping, can be very cumbersome, because it requires meeting stringent KYC [Know Your Customer] requirements, resolving possible inconsistencies between the Aadhaar database and the bank account," Mr. Dreze explained.

Because of the complicated nature of this process, only 43% of the active MGNREGS workers currently use Aadhaar-based payments, according to the Ministry's own records, despite a relentless push from the government. "By this order, the government, in effect, is saying that 57% of the workers won't be paid," Mr. Dey said. This added hurdle, along with the mandate to capture attendance data via a mobile phone-based app which the workers are having trouble navigating, will automatically depress the demand for work under the scheme, he said.

IAF's acquisition of 114 fighter jets to be part of a major procurement plan

A mega 500-fighter aircraft acquisition process on the anvil for the armed forces; reaching the sanctioned 42 squadrons will take time and the immediate effort is to arrest the drawdown in strength, says Air Marshal Narmdeshwar Tiwari

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Needs bolstering: The IAF is set to phase out the remaining three MIG-21 squadrons by 2025. AP

The delayed process for the procurement of 114 multi-role fighter jets (MRFA) is set to take off soon and along with three different indigenous fighter development programmes, it will result in a mega 500-fighter aircraft acquisition process for the armed forces. This will arrest the dwindling fighter strength of the Indian Air Force and enable it to reach the sanctioned strength of 42 squadrons.

"We are hopeful the Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for MRFA will be issued in three or four months," Air Marshal Narmdeshwar Tiwari, Deputy Chief of the Air Force, told *The Hindu* at Aero India. It is a "budgetary decision" and also about how fast the aircraft are available, he said. The AoN will begin the formal procurement process following which the IAF will issue the Request For Proposal.

On the delay in the process, he said they were evaluating how much of "Make in India" could happen, as also localisation and capability to upgrade the aircraft locally rather than depend on the foreign manufacturer.

Dwindling strength

The IAF is currently down to 31 fighter squadrons as against the sanctioned strength of 42, which is set to dwindle further as the remaining three MiG-21 squadrons are phased out by 2025. By the end of the decade, phasing out of other aircraft would also begin. On this, Air Marshal Tiwari said reaching 42 squadrons would take time and the immediate effort was to arrest the drawdown in strength. The 83 Light Combat Aircraft (LCA)-Mk1A that would begin coming in from next year followed by the LCA-Mk2 and fifth-generation Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) in the near future, along with the MRFA, would arrest this, he added.

There is also a twin-engine deck-based fighter (TEDBF) on the drawing board for the Navy's aircraft carriers. Girish S. Deodhare, Director-General of the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) under the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), said they were looking at six squadrons of the LCA-Mk2 (108 aircraft), seven squadrons of the AMCA (126 aircraft) and up to 100 TEDBF. Besides, the IAF would receive 83 LCA Mk1As and 114 MRFAs.

Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL) officials said that they expected an additional order for up to 50 LCA-Mk1A. In addition, a decision in 26 multi-role aircraft for the Navy was expected shortly, between Boeing F/A-18 E/F Super Hornet and the Dassault Aviation Rafale. Also, the final deal to procure 12 additional SU-30MKIs to replace the ones lost in accidents and 21 MIG-29s from Russia had been stuck, which both the IAF and Russian officials said has only been delayed but was on track.

Developing AMCA

On the AMCA, which is awaiting government sanction, Air Marshal Tiwari said based on global trends it would take 10-12 years for its development and around three to five years after that to begin production. The HAL had said that they were on track to deliver the first LCA-Mk1A in February 2024. As reported by *The Hindu*, ADA officials had said the LCA-Mk2, which would be much more capable than the LCA-MK1A, was expected to be ready for production by 2027.

On the sidelines of Aero India, Navy chief Adm. R. Hari Kumar said they may get up to 45 TEDBFs by 2040. Dr. Deodhare said the TEDBF is expected to take first flight by 2026 and to be ready for production by 2031.

Lieutenant-General B. S. Raju

Lt. Gen. Raju shifted, new Vice-Chief named

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In a series of Army promotions and appointments approved by the government with effective from March 1, the present Vice-Chief of the Army Staff, Lieutenant-General B.S. Raju, has been appointed General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the South Western Army Command. The Deputy Chief of Army Staff (Strategy) in the Army Headquarters, Lt. Gen. M.V. Suchindra Kumar, has been promoted to the rank of Army Commander and appointed the next VCOAS.

Lt. Gen. N.S.R. Subramani, Chief of Staff of the Northern Command, has been promoted and appointed General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Central Army Command in Lucknow.

Modi opens Aadi Mahotsav, says world has a lot to learn from tribes

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Aadi Mahotsav, the mega National Tribal Festival, in New Delhi on Thursday. ANI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday inaugurated the TRIFED's Aadi Mahotsav tribal festival in New Delhi, and said that the coming together of the diverse tribal cultures of India at such an event was "giving new heights to unity in diversity".

Inaugurating the nearly two-week-long showcase and exhibition of tribal artefacts, handicrafts, handlooms and other products at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, the Prime Minister first paid floral tributes to a statue of tribal freedom fighter Birsa Munda along with Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda, before taking a walk through the stalls set up by over 1,000 tribal artisans and craftspeople, from all over the country.

Addressing the event, Mr. Modi said the welfare of the Adivasis was personal for him. "Today, India goes to some of the world's biggest stages and presents the Adivasi culture as its own proudly – as a solution to global problems such as climate change and global warming. When people talk about sustainable development, we can proudly say that the world has a lot to learn from the Adivasis," he added.

Mr. Modi spoke of how his government's policies had benefited tribal communities, mentioning the setting up of over 3,000 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras, 80 lakh self-help groups, the increase in budget for tribal welfare, the boost to Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs), and a rise in the number of forest produce that the government was purchasing at the minimum support price.

'Into the mainstream'

"The government is walking to reach those who were thought to be unreachable and living in the remotest parts of the country. For those who thought they were on the margins, this government is bringing them into the mainstream," the PM said.

"Providing education to Adivasi children, wherever they may be in the country, is my priority," the PM said before citing the Budget announcement of hiring nearly 40,000 staffers for EMRSs across the country.

Mr. Modi added that the New Education Policy had addressed the language barrier, which had been a problem for tribal children, allowing them to learn in their mother tongues.

"Villages that used to be connected with separatism and extremism are now connected with 4G. The youth, who used to get pulled into divisive efforts, are now accessing the Internet and becoming part of the mainstream. This is the stream of *Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas* and *Sabka Prayas* which is reaching every citizen of the far-flung areas of the country. This is the sound of the confluence of *Aadi* and *Aadhunikta* (modernity), on which the soaring edifice of New India will stand."

I-T Dept. concludes survey at BBC offices in Delhi and Mumbai

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The BBC on Wednesday had asked its employees in India to cooperate with the department

The Income Tax Department's survey at the British Broadcasting Corporation's (BBC) offices in Delhi and Mumbai concluded after three days on Thursday.

The agency had initiated the operation on Tuesday, following which the computers and financial records at the offices were examined on the allegation of a "deliberate non-compliance with Indian laws including transfer pricing rules and diversion of profits illegally". The I-T Department was specifically looking into the "manipulation of prices for unauthorised benefits, including tax advantages", it said.

As the survey continued for a second consecutive day, the BBC on Wednesday asked its employees in India to cooperate with the I-T Department and not to delete any data from their electronic devices. The department's move came weeks after the release of a controversial two-part documentary titled *India: the Modi Question*, pertaining to the 2002 Gujarat riots and the situation of minorities in India.

While the ruling BJP has accused the BBC of indulging in propaganda, the Opposition and several journalists' organisations have criticised the survey.

The BBC said it would continue to report "without fear or favour". "We will continue to cooperate with the authorities and hope matters are resolved as soon as possible...will continue to report without fear or favour. We are supporting staff – some of whom have faced lengthy questioning or been required to stay overnight – and their welfare is our priority...," it said.

ED gets 9-day custody of 'conman' Sukesh

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate has got nine-day custody of alleged conman Sukesh Chandrashekhar in connection with a money laundering probe related to the cheating case lodged by Japna Singh, wife of former Religare promoter Malvinder Singh.

Sukesh was in judicial custody following his arrest in another case in which he was accused of cheating Aditi Singh, wife of former Fortis promoter Shivinder Singh, to the tune of ₹200 crore during 2020-21, on the false promise of helping her husband, who was lodged in jail along with his brother Mr. Malvinder Singh.

SC set to pronounce order today on whether a Speaker under notice can disqualify legislators

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

> The Nabam Rebia judgment stops a Speaker from acting as Tribunal under the 10th Schedule the moment he receives a notice for his removal
>
> **KAPIL SIBAL**
> Senior advocate

The Supreme Court is scheduled on Friday to pronounce its order on the question of whether a seven-judge Bench should re-examine its 2016 decision that a Speaker under a cloud should first clear his name before hearing disqualification petitions against legislators under the anti-defection law.

The court had reserved its order on Thursday.

A five-judge Bench led by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud was hearing a series of petitions following the political crisis which rocked Maharashtra when current Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and his camp followers rebelled against then Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray and eventually brought down the Maha Vikas Aghadi government in early 2022.

In 2016, a majority judgment of the Supreme Court in the Nabam Rebia case had held that a Speaker or Deputy Speaker facing notice of removal cannot decide disqualification proceedings against legislators.

But senior advocate Kapil Sibal, for Mr. Thackeray, argued that the Nabam Rebia judgment has a flip side too. Legislators facing disqualification under the Tenth Schedule are now issuing notices of removal against Speakers and Deputy Speakers in order to stall the proceedings against them.

"The Nabam Rebia judgment stops a Speaker from acting as Tribunal under the Tenth Schedule the moment he himself receives a notice for his removal... This has now become a device legislators are employing to stall their disqualification. Meantime, politics takes over. The government falls. A new Chief Minister is appointed with the support of the rebel legislators. A new Speaker is installed and the disqualification proceedings are in limbo...," Mr. Sibal submitted.

Mr. Shinde and 15 legislators were issued notices by then Deputy Speaker Narhari Zariwal in the disqualification petition filed against them by the Thackeray camp.

However, the legislators had responded by sending Mr. Zariwal notice for his removal.

'Serious consequences'

On Wednesday, Chief Justice Chandrachud said that the 2016 judgment raises tough constitutional issues. On the one hand, the judgment incapacitates a Speaker or Deputy Speaker from functioning as a Tribunal under the Tenth Schedule until his position is ratified by the House.

On the other, allowing a Speaker or Deputy Speaker, who is himself under threat of losing his position in the House, to function as a Tribunal, may lead to bias. It could even allow the leader of a political party to cling on to power despite losing the faith of his or her flock.

"This would facilitate a leader of a political party to hold on to the status quo though he or she has really lost his or her leadership over a group of legislators... Both ends have very serious consequences," the CJI had remarked.

VHP cadre vandalise mosque in U.P.'s Banda

The Hindu Bureau
LUCKNOW

The Balkhandi Naka area in Banda district of Uttar Pradesh remained tense on Thursday after an under-construction mosque was allegedly vandalised by members of the Hindu right-wing organisation Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP), which claimed that the second floor of the mosque was being constructed illegally.

An aggressive mob went on a rampage on Wednesday throwing the construction materials on the road and staging a demonstration in front of the mosque alleging illegalities in the construction work. The police rushed to the spot to control the situation.

APPEAL

Master Rounit Bajaj, Elder Son of Mahesh Bajaj, 14 years admitted in Mazumdar Shaw Medical Center, is suffering from Thalassemia Majaor. The only curative treatment for this condition is bone marrow transplant. We are planning to use one of the parents as donor using the TCR Alpha/Beta and CD 45 RA depletion therapy. The estimated cost of transplant at this hospital is approximately **Rs. 45,80,000/-**.

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Congress questions govt. on Israeli team's actions

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Thursday questioned the silence of the Narendra Modi government over reports that an Israeli team of contractors was allegedly used in India to interfere with elections in the country. The party demanded an investigation.

Addressing a press conference, Congress spokespersons Pawan Khera and Supriya Shrinate drew similarities between "Team Jorge", the Israeli team of contractors, and the IT cell of the BJP in "spreading misinformation and fake news" to influence the electoral process.

"We have seen a pattern in India. We want the government to break its silence and say what has been its contribution in saving democracy in the country," Ms. Shrinate said, asserting that it was the Centre's job to provide a reply when an international agency had made out such a serious allegation.

EC raps Congress, BJP for campaign on Twitter during polling in Tripura

Election Commission says the tweets are violative of election law as they were made during the 48-hour 'silence period'; Chief Electoral Officer issues notices to the State units of the two parties and BJP national general secretary Dilip Saikia

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Tripura on Thursday issued notices to the State units of the Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) as well as BJP national general secretary Dilip Saikia for seeking votes on Twitter when polling was under way in the northeastern State.

The Election Commission (EC) said the tweets are violative of election law as they were posted in the 48-hour "silence period", which began on Tuesday evening. Voting for the 60-member Assembly in the State began at 7 a.m. on Thursday.

The parties have been given an opportunity "to take corrective action at the earliest". They have been asked to explain their stand by 5 p.m. on Friday.

In the notice to Mr. Saikia, the Tripura CEO said, "... an appeal for vote in favour of the BJP has been tweeted from your handle at 0950 hours on 16.02.2023. The tweet is in form of a photo containing following message: *Unnato* Tripura *Sreshtho* Tripura Vote for BJP."

Asserting a right: People from the Mizoram's Bru community, who resettled in Tripura, show their identification cards as they wait in queue to cast their vote at a polling booth in Tripura. PTI

The notice said the tweet violates Section 126 (1)(b) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, which prohibits display to the public any election matter by means of cinematograph, television or other similar apparatus in the polling area during the period of 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for the conclusion of the poll for any election in that polling area.

An identical notice to the Tripura BJP said an appeal for vote in favour of the BJP was tweeted from the BJP handle at 8 a.m. on Thursday. "The tweet followed by a video clip is as under: For a safe and brighter future, vote for BJP," it said.

The notice to the Tripura Congress noted that an appeal for votes in favour of the party was tweeted from the Tripura Congress handle at 11.42 a.m. on Thursday.

"The tweet is as under: People of Tripura spontaneously casting vote for Congress. This time Congress will come," the notice said.

Seizures totalling over ₹147 crore have been recorded so far in Tripura, Meghalaya and Nagaland, marking a 20-fold increase in recovery of drugs, liquor and cash meant to induce voters in the run-up to the election, the EC said on Thursday.

A special inter-agency team constituted to control illegal drugs resulted in ₹14.12 crore worth of ganja cultivation being destroyed in Tripura.

SC non-committal on early hearing on collegium system

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The petition has sought the revival of the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC)

The Supreme Court on Thursday remained non-committal on hearing at an early date a petition seeking reconsideration of the collegium system of judicial appointments to the Supreme Court and the High Courts.

In an urgent mentioning before Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud, petitioner-advocate Mathews Nedumpara said the case had been mentioned twice in November and January, but the Registry had still not listed it for hearing.

"Let me see," Chief Justice Chandrachud said, even as Mr. Nedumpara repeatedly urged for a specific date on which the case would be listed.

The petition has sought the revival of the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC), which briefly gave the government an equal role along with the judiciary in the appointment of judges to the constitutional courts before it was struck down in 2015.

The petition follows recent verbal attacks by Law Minister Kiren Rijiju on the collegium system, calling it opaque.

It said the Constitution Bench judgment of October 2015 had thwarted the "will of the people" by striking down the 99th Constitutional Amendment Act which introduced the NJAC mechanism. The petition said the 2015 judgment should be rendered *void ab initio* as it had revived the collegium system.

In one of the earlier mentionings, Chief Justice Chandrachud had pointed out to Mr. Nedumpara that the collegium system was introduced through a nine-judge Bench judgment in 1993.

Any panel other than a JPC will be an exercise in exoneration, says Congress on Adani issue

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

On February 13, the Supreme Court discussed creating a panel to examine regulatory regime

Opposing the setting up of a committee to examine the regulatory mechanism post the Hindenburg-Adani allegations, the Congress on Thursday said any panel other than a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) would be an "exercise in legitimisation and exoneration".

Congress general secretary (communications) Jairam Ramesh, in a statement, said that the proposal before the Supreme Court to set up a committee by the government "can hardly ensure independence of investigation or transparency".

A Supreme Court Bench on February 13, while hearing petitions on the Adani-Hindenburg matter, discussed the creation of a committee of experts to examine the regulatory regime post the allegations made by the U.S.-based short-seller.

"Where the allegations are of close, intertwined proximity between the ruling dispensation, the Government of India and the Adani Group, the setting up of a committee with terms of reference proposed by the Government of India can hardly carry any insignia or transparency," Mr. Ramesh said.

"It is an exercise initiated by the two principal actors – the government and the Adani Group – to cover up, avoid, evade and bury all genuine scrutiny. It is becoming clear that the proposed Committee is part of a carefully orchestrated exercise by these vested interests to prevent any real investigation into the Adani Group's relationship with the ruling regime," he alleged.

He said that given the nature of allegations and the "link" between the ruling dispensation and the Adani Group, it was imperative that the ruling regime was examined in the full light of day by elected officials.

With Centre unlikely to make any overtures, people of Ladakh brace for the long haul

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

With the Centre unlikely to make overtures to civil society groups in Ladakh which have been demanding Statehood and constitutional safeguards for the Union Territory, their leaders on Thursday said that the path to agitation would continue.

Thupstan Chhewang, former BJP MP and one of the tallest leaders in Ladakh, told *The Hindu* that too many industries were dangerous for the ecologically fragile region, and they wanted "controlled tourism" as seen in Bhutan, which levied $200 a day on international tourists and ₹1,200 a day on Indian tourists as a sustainable development fee.

An activist from Ladakh holds a placard demanding rights for the people of the region during a protest in New Delhi. AP

Mr. Chhewang said there was a threat on the China front too as Chinese troops had reached places in Ladakh where they had not been present before. Several patrolling points or areas in Eastern Ladakh had become inaccessible to security personnel as part of an agreement after Indian and Chinese troops clashed in Galwan in June 2020 that led to the killing of 20 Indian soldiers.

A day after hundreds from Ladakh participated in a protest at Jantar Mantar in Delhi, the leaders said at a press conference on Thursday that they expected to hear something from the government but no one had approached them so far. A senior government official said the Centre had agreed to form a committee to examine the issues of employment, and protection of land and culture.

'No democracy'

"Ladakh is undergoing a crisis. We do not have any democracy. People are at the mercy of bureaucrats in the absence of elected representatives. Ladakh is strategically important. You have Pakistan on one side and China on the other," Sajjad Kargili, social activist and member of the Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA), said.

Sonam Wangchuk, education reformer and a popular voice from Ladakh, said that Ladakhis did not want industries. "Glaciers are melting fast. According to a study by the Kashmir University, 17 glaciers in proximity to highways have melted at an accelerated pace," he said.

Amid intensified protests, the Lieutenant-Governor of Ladakh, R.K. Mathur, was replaced with Arunachal Pradesh Governor Brigadier B.D. Mishra (retd), 83, on February 12.

"Removing the L-G is not a solution. He will also act on the directions of the Ministry of Home Affairs. The new L-G is quite old and since he is from an Army background, we expect that he will understand the strategic importance of Ladakh," Mr. Thupstan said.

Congress mulls changes to party constitution

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Implementing organisational reforms suggested in the Udaipur Conclave, changing the eligibility criteria to become a Congress member, and creation of a new tier between block and booth-level committees were some of the points of discussion at a meeting of the Constitution Amendment Committee of the Congress on Thursday.

"The changes are being discussed to be in sync with the present times," said a committee member.

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Ph : 0487 2422420
PW2-17409/2018 Date : 15.02.2023
1. PW3-1-12452/23 Inviting EOI for Installation of Animal Cremation Machinery in Kuriyachira Animal Crematorium in Thrissur Corporation.
2. PW1-77402/22 Inviting EOI for supply and creation of fully automatic Segregation machine - 1000 Kg / hour
Last date of submitting EOI 24.02.2023, 4 PM
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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (P&C)
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Tender Call Notice No. H.O./P&C/EST-E-2062/01/2022 4340 Dated : 13.02.2023
NOTICE INVITING TENDER THROUGH e-Procurement
Name of the Work : Providing first and last mile connectivity of 3.01 km long 2-Lane approach road with drain from Rajoda Chhaka (Ch.0/00 Km) to MSME Park at Bamani (Ch.3/010 Km at Nabrangpur District in Odisha for bridging connectivity gap.
Estimated Cost : Rs. 464.27 lakhs (approx.).
Period of Completion : 05 (Five) Calendar months.
Pre-Bid meeting is to be conducted on 22.02.2023 at 3.30 P.M.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender On-Line for Bidding	
		From	To
1	2	3	4
Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, Idco Tower, Bhubaneswar.	Bid Id. No. P&C/EST/E-152/ 2022-23	17.00 Hours of 17.02.2023	17.00 Hours of 04.03.2023

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal, www.Tendersorissa.gov.in and Corrigendum if any will not be published in news papers and can only be seen in the e-Procurement portal www.tenderorissa.gov.in and IDCO Website www.idco.in.
Sd/- Chief General Manager (P&C), IDCO, Bhubaneswar
CAD-4856: OIPR-14003/11/0298/2223

CENTRAL SLIVER PLANT
KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES COMMISSION
Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Govt. of India
No.9, 10 &11, KELAKOTE INDUSTRIAL AREA,CHITRADURGA -577 501. Karnataka State, Mob: 9448455466
No.:KNT/CSP/Refurbishment/2022-2023 Date:16.02.2023
TENDER NOTIFICATION
The Central Sliver Plant, Khadi and Village Industries Commission, Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Govt. of India located at Kelakote Industrial Area, Chitradurga-577501, Karnataka State and Contact Mob:9448455466 & E-mail : cspchitradurga.kvic@gov.in published various Tenders under Textile Spinning Plant Refurbishment work at CSP Chitradurga. The details as under:

Sl. No.	Tender Details	GeM Bid No.	Last date & time for submitting Bid	Date & time of Bid Opening
1	Supply of Electrical Equipments, Erection and Commissioning work.	GEM/2023/B/3066341 Date: 01.02.2023	22-02-2023 upto 15.00 Hrs.	22-02-2023 at 16.30 Hrs.
2	Supply of Spinning CANS under Refurbishment work.	GEM/2023/B/3099006 Date: 08.02.2023	01-03-2023 upto 15.00 Hrs.	02-03-2023 at 11.00 Hrs.
3	Supply and Commissioning of Air Compressor, Air Receiver, Air Dryer and Line Filters under Refurbishment work.	GEM/2023/B/3133659 Date: 15.02.2023	07-03-2023 upto 17.00 Hrs.	08-03-2023 at 11.30 Hrs.
4	Engagement of skilled Manpower for erection of Textile Machineries.	GEM/2023/B/3139759 Date: 16.02.2023	09-03-2023 upto 11.00 Hrs.	09-03-2023 at 11.30 Hrs.

Interested Bidder should fulfill the eligibility criteria shall submit there Tender on or before above mentioned date. For further details, please visit to KVIC Website : www.kvic.org.in & GeM Portal.
Sd/- Project Manager, CSP, KVIC, CHITRADURGA

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5-10-193, IInd Floor, HACA BHAVAN, (Opp. Public Gardens), Hyderabad - 500 004. T.S.
Tender Ref. No.HACA/DS/RED GRAM DAL/2023/, **E-TENDER NOTICE** Dated:16.02.2023
Inviting of price bids for Procurement and supply of REDGRAM DAL FROM DAL MILLERS, WHOLESALERS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FROM ALL OVER INDIA THROUGH e-TENDER PLATFORM https://tender.telangana.gov.in FOR SUPPLY OF 3018 Mts (approx.) OF REDGRAM DAL (INDIGENOUS VARIETY) SPLIT FATKA SORTEX IN 1KG PACKING LAMINATED POUCH WITH DEPARTMENT LOGO INDICATING "IT IS NOT FOR SALE" AND MEANT FOR "DISTRIBUTION TO THE AWCs ONLY", FOR SIX (06) MONTHS STARTING FROM MARCH'2023 TO AUGUST - 2023 FOR 35,700 ANGANWADI CENTERS IN (10) EARST WHILE DISTRICTS OF TELANGANA STATE UNDER THE CONTROL OF WOMEN DEVELOPMENT & CHILD WELFARE DEPARTMENT. 1. Bid Document Downloading Start Date : 17.02.2023 10:30 AM. 2. Bid Document Downloading Closing Date : 25.02.2023 05:00 PM. 3. Lost date and time for submission of online bids: 25.02.2023 05:00 PM. 4. Last date and time and place for submission of **hard copies including EMD & Sealed sample of RG Dal (2) packets.**: 27.02.2023 up to 11.00 AM Managing director, HACA, 5-10-193, 2nd Floor, HACA Bhavan, Opp: Public Gardens, Hyderabad-500 004 5. Technical Bid Opening Date, Time & Place (Qualification & Eligibility stage) In the presence of the Price Fixation Committee in the O/o The Commissioner, Telangana State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., Errumanzil, Hyderabad : 27.02.2023 12.00 NOON. 6. Price Bid Opening Date, Time & Place (Financial Bid Stage) In the presence of the Price Fixation Committee in the O/o The Commissioner, Telangana State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., Errumanzil, Hyderabad. : 28.02.2023 3.00 PM. 7. Tender Inviting/Opening authority : The Managing Director, HACA Ltd., Hyderabad. 8. Address/E-mail id Contact Details / Telephone, Fax: mdhaca@gmail.com, mdhaca@yahoo.com, 23235029, 23240552, Fax: 23235390
R.O. No.: 1295-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2022-23 Sd/- Managing Director

PURABI DAIRY The West Assam Milk Producers' Cooperative Union Limited (WAMUL) , World Bank Financed Assam Agribusiness and Rural Transformation Project (APART)
Ref No. MD/PC/APART/E-Tender/2022-23/11 Dated : 17-02-2023
E-procurement Tender Notice
The West Assam Milk Producers' Cooperative Union Limited (WAMUL) is an implementing agency of World Bank Financed (APART) Project and now intends to purchase the following items from the eligible bidder as mentioned below:

Sl. No.	Categories	Date of Publishing Tender on www.assamtenders.gov.in	Last date of Submission of Quotations
1	Refrigerated Van	21.02.2023	22.03.2023
2	Laptop PC (Corrigendum)	21.02.2023	09.03.2023
		The e-procurement Tender Notice published on 12th February, 2023 couldn't be published online on scheduled date due to technical reasons.	

The details of the E-tender will be published and available at www.assamtenders.gov.in as mentioned above. If any corrigendum is issued, it will be published in www.assamtenders.gov.in on or before last date and timing for submission of bid. No separate notification for publication of corrigendum or extension of last date of submission of bid will be made through Newspaper advertisement.
Sd/-
Managing Director, WAMUL

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Website: www.jipmer.edu.in / Phone: 0413 - 2296022 Fax: 0413 - 2272067 & 2272735
Admn-I/DR/1(1)/2023 Date: 17.02.2023
Director, JIPMER, Puducherry invites applications from eligible Indian nationals for the following posts:-

Sl. No.	Post Code	Name of Posts	No. of Posts & Reservation: Total Posts	UR	EWS	OBC	SC	ST
		GROUP – B POST						
1.	112023	DENTAL HYGIENIST	1	1	-	-	-	-
2.	122023	JUNIOR TRANSLATION OFFICER	1	-	-	1	-	-
3.	132023	MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKER	6	5	-	1	-	-
4.	142023	SPEECH THERAPIST	2	1	-	-	1	-
5.	152023	X-RAY TECHNICIAN (RADIOTHERAPY)	4	2	-	1	1	-
		TOTAL [Group B]	**14**	**9**	**0**	**3**	**2**	**0**
		GROUP – C POST						
1.	162023	ANAESTHESIA TECHNICIAN	8	5	1	1	0	1
2.	172023	AUDIOLOGY TECHNICIAN	1	1	-	-	-	-
3.	182023	DENTAL MECHANIC	1	1	-	-	-	-
4.	192023	JUNIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	32	12	3	9	4	4
5.	202023	OPHTHALMIC TECHNICIAN	1	1	-	-	-	-
6.	212023	PERFUSION ASSISTANT	1	1	-	-	-	-
7.	222023	PHARMACIST	5	3	-	-	-	2
8.	232023	PHYSIOTHERAPY TECHNICIAN	2	2	-	-	-	-
9.	242023	STENOGRAPHER GRADE – II	3	2	1	-	-	-
10.	252023	URO TECHNICIAN	1	1	-	-	-	-
		TOTAL [Group B]	**55**	**29**	**5**	**10**	**4**	**7**
		Gr.B + Gr.C posts Total	69	38	5	13	6	7

Note: ***The number of posts is tentative and may change based on the requirement of the Institute. Any change will be notified only on JIPMER website before the selection examination*** **(www.jipmer.edu.in).**
Horizontal Reservation:
The vacancies indicated above include the following horizontal reservation:

Post Code No.	Name of the Post	Post identified to be reserved for persons with benchmark disabilities (PWBD)	XSM (Ex-servicemen)	Meritorious Sports Person (MSP)
192023	JUNIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	4	6#	2
242023	STENOGRAPHER GRADE - II	1#	1#	-

including backlog vacancies.
Note:- The candidates appointed under Horizontal Reservation i.e. PWBD quota will be placed against their respective categories [SC/ST/EWS/OBC & unreserved (UR)].
1. Details regarding age, qualification, experience, application fees, mode of examination / payment and other conditions of eligibility etc. for the post are available at: www.jipmer.edu.in.
2. Applications should be submitted **online only**. Online Registration will tentatively start from **22.02.2023**.
The last date for closing of online application is **18.03.2023 till 04:30 PM.** DIRECTOR

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APTS Ref. No.: ITC51-15021/11/2022-PROC-APTS Dt. 17-02-2023
Tender Call Notice issued for Procurement of 30,213 Nos. of Interactive Flat Panels for the School Education Department, GoAP
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INBRIEF

AMASR amendment Bill to come up in Parliament

The government is all set to reintroduce the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (AMASR) (Amendment) Bill in the forthcoming second half of the Budget session. Union Tourism and Culture Minister G. Kishan Reddy said that discussions on the draft AMASR (Amendment) Bill were in the final leg and the legislation is likely to be tabled in the ensuing Budget session next month. The proposed legislation would allow the Centre to allow public works based on the recommendation of the National Monuments Authority, on an application forwarded by a Central government department that seeks to carry out construction for public purposes in a prohibited area.

Govt. close to achieving target of 10 crore SHG members

The government is well on its way to reach the target of 10 crore Self Help Group (SHG) members by 2024, Union Minister for Rural Development Giriraj Singh said on Thursday. Mr. Singh said the number of members, which was just 2.35 crore when the BJP government came to power in May 2014, had now touched 9 crore. He was addressing the media after the Ministry signed an agreement with Meesho – an e-commerce platform – for marketing of products made by SHGs under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihood Mission.

Infiltrator killed along LoC in north Kashmir, says Army

One unidentified infiltrator was killed and two others were pushed back during an anti-infiltration operation along the Line of Control (LoC) in Kupwara of north Kashmir on Thursday. An Indian Army spokesman said the Army had thwarted an infiltration attempt in the Tangdhar Sector and "prevented efforts of Pakistan to destabilise peace and tranquillity in Kashmir Valley". The security forces recovered the body of the slain terrorist from the encounter site but his identity could not be ascertained immediately, the Army said.

Govt. mulling fresh FM radio auction, says I&B Secretary

Information and Broadcasting Secretary Apurva Chandra on Thursday said the Central government was mulling fresh auction of FM radio stations this year, to expand its coverage in the country. At the Broadcast Engineering Society Expo-2023, Mr. Chandra said the FM radio service currently covered only 60% of the country. He said the Centre had allocated ₹2,500 crore under the Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development (BIND) Scheme, to be spent over a period of four years, which would result in the infrastructure upgrade of the Prasar Bharati. Mr. Chandra said Prasar Bharati had an unmatched archival repository which had not been monetised yet and the broadcaster was planning to have an OTT platform for its content.

Now, no age bar to register for cadaver organ transplant

Union Health Ministry does away with a clause in the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation guidelines that said a patient should be less than 65 at the time of registration

Maitri Porecha
NEW DELHI

In a major tweak to the organ donation policy, the Union Health Ministry on Tuesday said the clause that people aged beyond 65 could not receive cadaver organ transplants had been removed.

"The government has decided to do away with the ceiling. Now, people beyond 65 in need of an organ donation will also be eligible to get one," an official source in the Health Ministry said.

The government has decided to do away with the clause in the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) guidelines as it violates the right to life, the source added. "Now an individual of any age can register for organ transplant."

Also, earlier, an organ recipient could register for a prospective transplant only in the domicile State. The States such as Gujarat had made it mandatory for registered patients to furnish a domicile certificate to be eligible for a transplant. Last November, the Gujarat High Court quashed the discriminatory policy of the State government.

"In line with the judgment, the Indian government has decided to do away with the domicile policy and all States have been intimated about this decision. A patient irrespective of domicile State can register in any other State for a transplant. The patient will be allotted a unique ID by NOTTO on registering which will get carried forward even if the patient changes multiple hospitals in different States," the source said.

No registration fee

Apart from this, certain States such as Kerala and Maharashtra have been charging fees ranging from ₹5,000 to ₹10,000 for registering organ transplant patients. "The Health Ministry has intimated States to stop charging registration fees from patients," said the source.

The Health Ministry is charting a "One Nation, One Policy" for organ donation and transplantation. "We are introducing a chapter in the school curriculum regarding organ donation awareness for students," the source said.

According to Health Ministry data, the number of organ transplants has increased by over three times from 4,990 in 2013 to 15,561 in 2022.

Saving lives

Total number of organ transplants has increased by over three times from 2013 to 2022

Transplants		2013	2022
Kidney	From living donor	3,495	9,834
	From deceased	542	1,589
Liver	Living	658	2,957
	Deceased	240	761
Heart		30	250
Lung		23	138
Pancreas			24
Small bowel			3

Source: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

TRAI tells telecom firms to crack down on SMS spammers

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Spammers are circumventing protections introduced in recent years.

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on Thursday asked telecom operators to crack down on spammers that were slipping past protections introduced in recent years.

In a press release, the authority said it had issued two orders under the Telecom Commercial Communication Customer Preference Regulations, 2018, and the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997. The systems put in place following the 2018 regulations, which covered messages such as one-time passcodes (OTPs), were being subverted to deliver spam instead. As such, telcos had been ordered to reverify the SMS headers under which commercial SMS messages were sent.

TRAI ordered telcos to disallow commercial calls and texts from being placed using regular mobile numbers.

"Transactional" messages, such as OTPs, could only be sent by an organisation if the template for such messages was logged on a blockchain ledger maintained by telecom operators. When this requirement was first implemented in 2021, many banks were briefly unable to send OTPs, as they had not registered their templates. The regulator then delayed implementation to allow time to comply.

12 cheetahs from South Africa likely to reach India today

Jacob P. Koshy
NEW DELHI

A cheetah from Namibia now in the Kuno National Park.

India is expected to welcome the first batch of 12 cheetahs from South Africa this weekend, after eight of these big cats were ferried from Namibia last September, Union Environment Ministry officials said here on Thursday.

The cheetahs, five of them female, have taken off from Johannesburg aboard an Indian Air Force Boeing C-17 Globemaster aircraft. They are expected to reach Gwalior on Friday and will then be taken to the Kuno National Park (KNP) in Madhya Pradesh by helicopters.

As those brought in from Namibia, these too will be in enclosures for months as part of an acclimatisation process. The cheetahs from Namibia have largely adapted to Indian conditions and are able to individually hunt prey. While they are now being kept in larger enclosures, it will be a few more months before they are completely released into the wild, said S.P. Yadav, Director-General (Wildlife), a key official in charge of cheetah translocation.

The Namibian animals are healthy, except one named Sasha who, even as a cub, had liver problems. "However, it is moving along with the other animals, and we expect it to be healthy," Mr. Yadav said.

The agreement with the South African government is to send 10 to 12 cheetahs every year, potentially for the next decade. The ultimate objective is to have a sustainable self-perpetuating population.

A major goal, along with establishing a viable population, is to develop the region as a tourism hotspot to benefit the local economy, Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav said.

India accounts for 52% of world's new leprosy patients, says Mandaviya

Maitri Porecha
NEW DELHI

COVID-19 had its severe impact on leprosy case detection services

With a renewed focus on tackling leprosy, the Union Health Ministry has devised a strategic road map for achieving zero cases of the infection by 2030.

Despite India being declared "Leprosy Eliminated" in 2005, the country still accounts for over half (52%) of the world's new leprosy patients, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said in a written message of the National Strategic Plan and Roadmap for Leprosy 2023-2027. Leprosy is a chronic bacterial infection, which affects skin, nerves, lungs and eyes.

Health officials have noted that earlier gains made in the leprosy programme were reversed during COVID-19 as a sudden decline in case detection numbers was noted. Early detection of the infection in the affected person can save them from physical disability.

With the COVID pandemic in 2020, case detection dropped by 43% in 2020-21 and by 34% in 2021-22 in comparison to the pre-COVID year 2019-20. "Annual case detection rate has halved from 8.13 cases per lakh population to 4.56 cases in 2020-21. In 2021-22, it has settled at 5.52 cases per lakh," the plan document notes.

Grade 2 disabilities

The Ministry noted that decline in detection has led to increase in patients with grade 2 disabilities. COVID-19 in India had its severe impact on leprosy case detection services, and resulted in hidden cases and a probable increase in grade 2 disabilities, which may delay attainment of the goal of zero leprosy, it has stated. In 2021-22, a total of 75,394 new cases were detected in India. A total of 1,863 grade 2 disabilities detected amongst the new leprosy cases during 2021-22, indicating a G2D rate of 1.36 per million population and 2.47% G2D among new cases. In 2022-23, for data available till August 2022, this rate has gone a notch up to 1.71 per million population.

"The agenda of eliminating leprosy at a sub-national level is still unfinished, there are a few States/Union Territories which have yet to achieve the elimination of leprosy as a public health problem," said Roli Singh, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and Managing Director, National Health Mission.

Arunachal Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Dadra Nagar Haveli and Daman Diu have either one or more districts (total 82 districts) which are yet to achieve leprosy elimination target and contributes to more than 90% cases in the country.

India's foreign policy seeks more fairness: Jaishankar

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India's foreign policy aims to uphold "greater fairness and justice", External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said on Thursday, adding that India was looking for partners to "transform" the world.

Mr. Jaishankar was addressing a community gathering in the Fijian capital of Suva, where he participated in the 12th World Hindi Conference, co-hosted by the governments of India and Fiji. He also met Fijian Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka and was welcomed into a session of the Fijian parliament.

"What for me has changed in the foreign policy is today, foreign policy is beginning to reflect a lot of the deep socio-economic concerns we have in India. Just like we are transforming the world within the country, we want to also transform the world outside. We know that it's not something any country can do alone," Mr. Jaishankar said at the event where he highlighted India's vaccine diplomacy.

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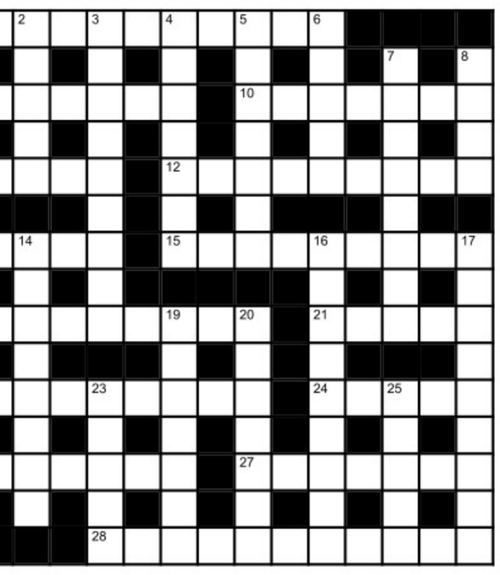

Across

1 Say, water store closing early, backing away after a small struggle with henchmen (11)
9 Imitates cast (4,3)
10 Goal - when hungry, have meat without starters and become a gobbler (7)
11 Our neighbour's home initially was at a swamp (5)
12 Being on line not even strangely gratifying (9)
13 Before reading bad clue causes issue (5)
15 Marine gains fare if transported (9)
18 Debate on return gift; getting tricycle offline for a change (9)
21 A debauched man kidnaps girl, rascal (5)
22 Cries pathetically, losing energy with picture slightly marred inside in fight (9)
24 Not getting Ola going west? Have meat (5)
26 Sri Lanka caught in criminal usage of marine creature (3,4)
27 Tape men celebrating a nick, say (3,4)
28 Thought of a leading batsman's second pull (11)

Down

1 Say fertiliser page has design (4,5)
2 Country's queen at a rally, in the front (5)
3 Arab club earlier got a locomotive (4,5)
4 Unblemished woman sacked for being honest (7)
5 Fabric is, say, hand zari 50% (7)
6 Explosions at square, unearthed indigenous bomb at the entrance (5)
7 Remarkable ruler going after strait right at the beginning of Indonesia... (8)
8 ...secure weapons, take them back (4)
14 Swiss pilot is president (8)
16 Gymnastic Bill meeting Robert at a college (9)
17 Vegetable is raw means, chop at both ends and boil first placing inside (5,4)
19 Police weapon on rent, odd gears (4,3)
20 More disturbing if I leave the plant (7)
22 Infer there is small trouble firing the female (4)
23 Pound a setter to go to the front and get a dessert (5)
25 Animal like cat originally has grain with independence (5)

SUDOKU

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Duty towards parents

Shruthi and Smruthi proclaim that a duty is cast upon us to take care of our parents. We have to live with them and render service. Taking care of parents is a dharma.

We should not counter and make arguments what they had done to us and should not desert them. It is our responsibility and a bounden duty.

Any help done in anticipation of something is not laudable. But it is very great to render a help without expecting anything in return.

Velukudi Sri Krishnan swamy said the efforts of parents are grouped in four stages.

First they give birth, second they extend the care taking, third they pour love and affection and last they correct our mistakes and rectify us. All these done by them without any expectation.

Mother earth gives all things needed to us in our life. God of fire helps us. We cannot live without water. Itareyopanishad says if we put all the help extended by Mother earth, God of Fire and Rain God in one pan and the service and sacrifice of our parents in the other, the pan of the parents will be with more weight.

The Ramayana says we can repay to our parents but it cannot be matching or complete.

In the Santhiparva of the Mahabharatha, it is said that if we do those acts that please our father, the Sun God feels happy and by pleasing our mother the Mother Earth is satisfied and they shower their blessings. If they are not happy we get all discomforts in our life.

Manusmrthi says even if we take 100 births, each birth spanning 100 years, we cannot repay even for one birth.

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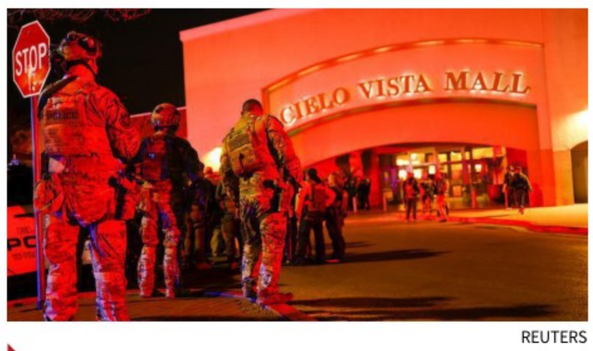
One killed, three injured in Texas shopping mall shooting; two held



REUTERS

One person was killed and three were wounded on Wednesday in a shooting at a shopping mall in El Paso, Texas, adding to the dozens of people already killed this year in mass shootings across the U.S. The El Paso police said hours after the gunfire that two persons had been taken into custody. AP

MINSK

Belarus says it will join Ukraine offensive 'only if attacked' first

REUTERS

President Alexander Lukashenko said that Belarus would join the offensive in Ukraine "only if attacked" first by Kyiv's Army. "I'm ready to fight together with the Russians from the territory of Belarus in one case only: if so much as one soldier from (Ukraine) comes to our territory with a gun to kill my people," he said. AFP

DHAKA

U.S. says Bangladesh sanctions will remain until police reform

AFP

The U.S. will not lift sanctions on an elite Bangladesh police unit accused of extrajudicial killings until it is reformed, a top U.S. envoy visiting the country has said. State Department counsellor Derek Chollet visited the South Asian country where he discussed security cooperation with government representatives. AFP

MADRID

Spain Parliament passes trans law allowing gender self-determination

AFP

Spain voted through a transgender law letting anyone 16 and over change gender on their ID card. The law, which passed by 191 votes in favour, 60 against with 91 abstentions, makes Spain one of the few nations to allow people to change their gender on their national identity card with a simple declaration. AFP

Russia's 'monstrous bureaucracy' is impeding Ukraine war: Wagner chief

Yevgeny Prigozhin says 'Bakhmut would have been taken before New Year, if not for our monstrous military bureaucracy ... and the spokes that are put in the wheels daily'; Kyiv says it shot down 16 missiles fired from planes and ships in Black Sea

Agence France-Presse
MOSCOW

The head of Russia's mercenary outfit Wagner said it could take months to capture the embattled Ukraine city of Bakhmut and slammed Moscow's "monstrous bureaucracy" for slowing military gains.

Russia has been trying to encircle the battered industrial city and wrest it ahead of February 24, the first anniversary of what it terms its "special military operation" in Ukraine.

"I think it's (going to be in) March or in April," Wagner head Yevgeny Prigozhin said in one of several messages posted online overnight.

Fire and ice: A Ukrainian soldier takes a break in between firing near Bakhmut in Donbas on Thursday. REUTERS

"To take Bakhmut you have to cut all supply routes. It's a significant task," he said, adding: "Progress is not going as fast as we would like".

"Bakhmut would have been taken before the New Year, if not for our monstrous military bureaucracy ... and the spokes that are put in the wheels daily," he added.

Mr. Prigozhin has previously accused the Russian military of attempting to "steal" victories from Wagner, a sign of his rising clout and the potential for dangerous rifts in Moscow.

The fierce fighting for the eastern industrial city is now the longest running battle of Russia's intervention and Moscow's key military objective.

Mr. Prigohzin, who is close to Mr. Putin, said the speed of Russian progress in the grinding battle would depend on whether Ukraine continued to send reserves to hold the city.

Barrage of attacks

Kyiv said on Thursday it had shot down 16 missiles from the latest barrage of two dozen launched overnight from planes and ships in the Black Sea.

"Unfortunately, (the missiles hit) in the north and west of Ukraine," presidential chief of staff Andriy Yermak said.

Separately, Israeli Foreign Minister Eli Cohen arrived in Kyiv on Thursday to meet President Volodymyr Zelensky and his Ukrainian counterpart Dmytro Kuleba.

Scottish independence and SNP leadership in troubled waters after Sturgeon quits

Agence France-Presse
EDINBURGH

The Scottish National Party (SNP) on Thursday faced calls to postpone a special conference aimed at reviving its troubled push for independence, after the surprise resignation of leader Nicola Sturgeon.

The party's executive was to meet later on Thursday to set the timetable for the leadership race.

There is no frontrunner to succeed Ms. Sturgeon, who was a towering presence in Scottish and U.K. politics, and no clear path forward on the dream of independence for Scotland from the U.K.

"I personally think that party conference should be paused, for obvious reasons," Stephen Flynn, who leads the SNP in the Westminster parliament, told *Sky News*.

Nicola Sturgeon

"I think the new leader should have the opportunity and indeed the space to set out their position, their values and their intentions going forward," he said.

SNP president Mike Russell told the *BBC* that the leadership race was "unlikely" to be over by March 19.

"Therefore there is a question to be asked about whether that should be postponed while a leader comes into place," he said.

Ms. Sturgeon, 52, confirmed she would remain first minister until the SNP elects a new leader.

Possible contenders in the SNP include Constitution Secretary Angus Robertson, Finance Secretary Kate Forbes, Health Secretary Humza Yousaf and Deputy First Minister John Swinney.

After Raisi's China trip, Xi to visit Iran

Agence France-Presse
BEIJING

Chinese President Xi Jinping will make a state visit to Iran, Beijing's Foreign Ministry said on Thursday, as a three-day trip to China by the Islamic republic's leader drew to a close.

Beijing and Tehran reinforced their strong economic ties in 2021 by signing a 25-year "strategic cooperation pact" but have been under pressure from Western nations over their positions on Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Iran is also under strict U.S. sanctions for its nuclear programme.

Mr. Xi "gladly accepted" an invitation by President Ebrahim Raisi to make a trip to Iran.

No date was given for the visit, which would be the Chinese President's first to the Middle Eastern nation since 2016.

Beijing and Tehran on Thursday called for an end to sanctions imposed on Iran over its nuclear programme. Both countries blamed current tensions on Washington's "unilateral withdrawal" from the deal.

'Witnesses committed perjury in Trump probe'

Associated Press
ATLANTA

A special grand jury in the U.S. that investigated efforts by then-President Donald Trump and his allies to overturn his election loss in Georgia says it believes some witnesses committed perjury, and it recommends that prosecutors seek charges.

The panel recommended that the district attorney "seek appropriate indictments for such crimes where the evidence is compelling."

In addition to the section on perjury, the report's introduction and conclusion were released on Thursday. But any recommendations on potential criminal charges for specific people will remain under wraps for now.

Girl rescued 248 hours after Turkey earthquake

Agence France-Presse
KAHRAMANMARAS

Turkish rescuers on Thursday pulled a 17-year-girl from the rubble of last week's devastating earthquake, as hopes fade of finding more survivors.

Aleyna Olmez was rescued 248 hours after the 7.8-magnitude quake flattened entire cities, killing nearly 40,000 people across southeastern Turkey and parts of Syria.

"She looked to be in good health. She opened and closed her eyes," coal miner Ali Akdogan, who took part in the rescue effort said.

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INBRIEF

'Vistara to increase salaries of pilots, cabin crew by 8%'

Full service carrier Vistara will increase salaries of its pilots and cabin crew by up to 8% from April amid deployment of higher capacities to meet rising travel demand, according to a source. The source also claimed that some 30 pilots had quit the airline in the last six months and were serving notice period after getting job offers mainly from the Gulf carriers. PTI

Adani group's ₹7,000-crore DB Power deal fizzles out

Adani Power's planned ₹7,017-crore acquisition of coal-based electricity generating units of DB Power Ltd. has fallen through as the deadline to complete the transaction expired without signing of the pact. The date to complete the acquisition of DB Power was extended four times after the initial deal was signed in August last year. The acquisition of DB Power, which operates a 2x600 MW coal-fired unit in Chhattisgarh, was expected to boost Adani Power's offerings in thermal power in the State. PTI

S&P places Adani unit's ESG appraisal 'under review'

S&P Global Ratings placed its ESG evaluation for Adani Transmission Ltd. 'under review' following a U.S. short seller raising governance issues at the group helmed by billionaire Gautam Adani. "We will closely monitor developments, including any investigations by the Indian regulators and any additional disclosures by the Adani group," S&P Global Ratings said in a statement. Listed companies of the group lost over $125 billion in market value in the last three weeks. Stocks of most group firms were up on Thursday. PTI

IOC contradicts Adani over terms of port use agreement for LPG imports

Oil firm says there is no 'take-or-pay' liability for hiring APSEZ's Gangavaram port; PSU tweets clarifications after TMC's Mahua Moita raises possibility of a questionable transaction in IOC entering into an agreement without floating a tender

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NEW DELHI

Port pact

IOC, in an unusual move, clarifies stand on its MoU with Adani Ports through a series of tweets after TMC MP Mahua Moitra alleges "brazen theft"

- APSEZ had in a presentation said it signed MoU for a "take-or-pay contract" for building LPG handling facilities
- IOC says it does not float tenders for hiring facilities at ports to import LPG
- Oil PSU currently imports LPG through Vizag Port located adjacent to Gangavaram port

Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) on Thursday took to Twitter to clarify on its initial pact for hiring Adani's port at Gangavaram in Andhra Pradesh for LPG imports in addition to pacts with nearby ports, saying there was no take-or-pay agreement.

The statement, which came in response to TMC's Mahua Moitra raising a stink of a scam in hiring of the port facility without a tender, contradicted Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd.'s earnings presentation that said "MoU signed with IOCL for a take-or-pay contract at Gangavaram Port for building LPG handling facilities." Ms. Moitra, reacting to the news based on the presentation, tweeted, "Brazen theft".

In an unusual move, IOC posted several tweets to clarify its position.

'Non-binding MoU'

"IOC has just signed a non-binding MoU with APSEZL," it said, adding that it floats no tenders for hiring of facilities at ports to import LPG. "There is no take-or-pay liability or any binding agreement, as of now," it said.

A take-or-pay contract means the state-owned firm will have to pay for using the terminal's full 5 lakh tonnes capacity a year even if it ships less than the committed quantity.

IOC currently uses state-run Visakhapatnam or Vizag Port, located adjacent to Gangavaram port, to import some 7-8 lakh tonnes of LPG annually.

"IOC enters into agreements with various ports on a regular basis to enhance capability to supply LPG across India. For hiring of LPG terminals, OMCs (oil marketing companies) evaluate the infrastructure for suitability for catering to the nearest market at a reasonable cost. No separate tender is invited," it said.

Govt. likely to place reverse charging of GST on scrap before GST Council

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

The Centre will consider and then place industry's demand to shift the GST levy on purchase of scrap metal to a reverse charge mechanism before the GST Council, in view of the operational difficulties and legal disputes arising from non-compliance by informal sector scrap dealers who often fail to deposit tax collected from buyers.

Revenue Secretary Sanjay Malhotra signalled that the review may, however, be broadened to include other scrap materials as well, in order to take a holistic view under the GST framework. A reverse charge mechanism enables buyers to directly pay the GST dues for their inputs instead of depending on sellers to remit the taxes and then avail tax credits.

Mr. Malhotra was responding to a suggestion by Suresh Kumar Singhal, vice president of the Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry and MD, Vijay Iron Foundry, to impose GST on scrap procured by manufacturers through a reverse charge mechanism.

"This demand is there with us... but then there is not only steel scrap, please keep that in mind," Mr. Malhotra said. "There is other scrap also, which are also not in reverse charge mechanism. So we have noted your request and we will put it up before the GST Council," he added.

Earlier, representatives of steel and induction furnace producers from across the country urged the Centre to rationalise the GST structure for metal scrap and termed this a pressing issue for the iron and steel sector, especially as recycling scrap was also a green imperative.

"The current GST regime causes significant disruption in the supply of the main raw material, metal scrap, thus making this a business continuity issue rather than a mere tax issue," said Sudhir Goyal, member, All India Induction Furnaces Association.

GST meet may mull tool to curb guthka firms' tax ruse

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NEW DELHI

The GST Council in its meeting on Saturday may discuss setting up appellate tribunals and mechanism to curb tax evasion in pan masala and gutkha business, sources said.

The report of panel of ministers on Goods and Services Tax (GST) on online gaming and casinos may not come up for deliberation at the February 18 meeting of the GST Council, chaired by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	THURSDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	61,320	0.07
US Dollar	82.68	0.15
Gold	56,270	-0.13
Brent oil	85.33	0.88

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	1796.60	17.50
Adani Ports	577.20	8.15
Apollo Hosp	4643.15	155.25
Asian Paints	2805.95	19.80
Axis Bank	864.75	-3.55
Bajaj Auto	3906.60	1.20
Bajaj Finserv	1428.20	7.40
Bajaj Finance	6437.30	-52.65
Bharti Airtel	784.45	-0.95
BPCL	325.70	-5.45
Britannia Ind	4572.00	-16.45
Cipla	1035.50	4.70
Coal India	215.45	2.55
Divis Lab	2876.60	54.05
Dr Reddys Lab	4519.30	-0.55
Eicher Motors	3289.10	-22.05
Grasim Ind	1629.65	3.50
HCL Tech	1128.15	-4.75
HDFC	2700.50	-3.40
HDFC Bank	1664.25	-6.05
HDFC Life	514.60	-4.50
Hero MotoCorp	2556.70	-15.30
Hindalco	434.70	0.75
Hind Unilever	2527.10	-21.35
ICICI Bank	869.45	-1.35
IndusInd Bank	1148.35	-1.25
Infosys	1601.80	4.75
ITC	382.55	0.35
JSW Steel	727.95	0.80
Kotak Bank	1787.95	2.45
L&T	2178.30	3.25
M&M	1368.15	-11.20
Maruti Suzuki	8805.10	-40.25
NestleIndia	19628.85	367.90
NTPC	167.40	1.60
ONGC	155.90	8.40
PowerGrid Corp	214.60	0.10
Reliance Ind	2430.05	-1.90
SBI Life	1174.10	-6.25
State Bank	540.10	-2.15
Sun Pharma	995.15	-0.25
TataConsumerProduct	732.60	4.50
Tata Motors	441.60	-2.55
Tata Steel	112.00	1.70
TCS	3558.05	37.40
Tech Mahindra	1130.25	58.85
Titan	2522.40	-1.90
UltraTech Cement	7171.75	19.90
UPL	770.35	1.00
Wipro	409.90	2.50

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on February 16

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.52	82.84
Euro	88.29	88.63
British Pound	99.47	99.86
Japanese Yen (100)	61.63	61.87
Chinese Yuan	12.04	12.09
Swiss Franc	89.44	89.79
Singapore Dollar	61.85	62.10
Canadian Dollar	61.64	61.89
Malaysian Ringitt	18.73	18.82
Australian Dollar	57.06	57.29

Source:Indian Bank

'Fuel demand saw sharpest rebound in February'

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NEW DELHI

India's fuel demand witnessed the sharpest rebound in February as petrol and diesel consumption rose by double digits after a winter lull in January, preliminary industry data showed.

Petrol sales jumped almost 18% year-on-year to 1.22 million tonnes in the first half of February. Diesel, the most used fuel in the country, posted an almost 25% rise in sales to 3.33 million tonnes.

Govt. slashes levy on crude, ATF and diesel

Reuters
BENGALURU

India has cut its windfall tax on crude oil and exports of aviation turbine fuel (ATF) and diesel, according to a government notification dated Feb. 15. Windfall tax on crude was cut to ₹4,350 ($52.60) per tonne from ₹5,050 per tonne, effective Thursday.

The government also cut export tax on aviation turbine fuel to ₹1.50 per litre from ₹6 per litre, and reduced export tax on diesel to ₹2.50 per litre from ₹7.50 per litre, the notification said.

India had in July imposed the windfall tax on crude oil producers and levies on exports of gasoline, diesel and aviation fuel after private refiners wanted to make gains from robust refining margins in overseas markets, instead of selling it cheap at home

The cuts came as Indian refiners continued to stock up discounted Russian fuel amid a steady increase in domestic consumption.

The windfall taxes had been weighing on profits of Indian refiners, with firms like RIL, Vedanta, Oil India and Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd. flagging the impact in their latest quarterly results.

HDFC raises ₹25,000 crore via issue of 10-year NCDs

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

HDFC Ltd. said it has raised ₹25,000 crore through 10-year Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs), carrying a coupon rate of 7.97%.per annum

This translates to a spread of 49 basis points over Wednesday's closing of 10-year government security yield, HDFC said.

The issue received 92 bids worth ₹27,863 crore of which HDFC retained 55 investor bids totalling ₹25,000 crore, it added.

Garment exports shrank 3.45% in January to $1.493 billion: Data

M. Soundariya Preetha
COIMBATORE

Garment exports shrank 3.45% in January to $1.493 billion compared with the year-earlier period's $1.546 billion, according to provisional export data.

With this, the exports had seen contraction in July, August, September and October of 2022 and January of 2023 in dollar terms.

However, in rupee terms, exports grew 6.22% in January this year from the year-earlier period.

Narendra Goenka, chairman of Apparel Export Promotion Council, said total exports for the last 10 months had still seen growth. Though there was a slowdown now, the exports were expected to revive in four months.

The data show garment exports from April 2022 to January 2023 were worth $13.33 billion. Total garment exports in 2021-2022 stood at $16.01 billion.

Tiruppur Exporters Association president K.M. Subramanian said brand enquiries had improved and knitwear exports from Tiruppur were likely to bounce back to pre-COVID levels after April.

"The demand is slightly better compared with the last three months in the European market," he said. "Local yarn prices had reverted to 2021 level and this made Indian knitwear competitive." After Christmas, the inventory in Europe had reduced and there was demand now.

Data usage per user rose to 19.5 GB in 2022: Nokia

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

India's per user average data consumption rose to 19.5 GB, which is equivalent to 6,600 songs, in 2022, a sharp jump from 9.5 GB in 2018, according to the annual Mobile Broadband Index (MBiT) released by Nokia on Thursday.

Nokia also said the pan-India mobile data usage per month grew from 4.5 exabytes in 2018 to 14.4 exabytes in 2022. Mobile data traffic has risen 3.2 times over the last five years.

Sport

Nagal rallies to beat Jung, makes the quarterfinals

CHENNAI OPEN

S. Dipak Ragav
CHENNAI

Digging deep: Sumit Nagal kept the Indian flag high with a clinical performance. R. RAGU

Sumit Nagal kept the Indian flag high with a clinical performance after being a set down to beat Jason Jung 3-6, 6-2, 6-0 to reach the quarterfinals of the Chennai Open ATP Challenger 100 tournament here at the SDAT Tennis stadium on Thursday. The 25-year-old Indian will meet Jay Clarke in the last eight on Friday.

In the first match on the centre court, where a sparse crowd had turned out to cheer for the local lad, it was Jung who started well with an easy hold in the opening game and stretched Nagal on his first serve.

In the fourth game, Jung got the break when he forced an error from Nagal's backhand and got a lucky net cord to take a 3-1 lead.

Jung, who entered the main draw as a Lucky Loser, attacked Nagal's backhand side with powerful, flat groundstrokes, not allowing the Indian to unleash his booming forehands.

In the second set, however, Nagal found his rhythm and was able to move Jung around the court and quickly broke him twice to race to a 5-1 lead. The Taiwanese player's groundstrokes lacked depth and precision, allowing Nagal to dictate the play.

He got his first break in the fourth game when he forced Jung into two errors on his forehand before breaking him again in the sixth game with a lovely forehand pass. Though Nagal lost his serve once, he immediately broke back to take the set 6-2.

In the third set, Nagal continued his dominating style of playing with his inside-out forehands doing the damage as Jung went off the boil with a litany of errors to surrender the match without a fight.

In the other second-round match, Australian James Duckworth got the better of rising Serbian star Hamad Medjedovic 6-2, 7-6 (3).

Nagal later played in an all-Indian doubles quarterfinal match, partnering with Sasikumar Mukund against the pair of Sriram Balaji and Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan, but couldn't find success. In a close first set, the duo of Sriram and Jeevan prevailed in the tiebreak before walking away with the second set 6-0.

The results:

Second round: James Duckworth (Aus) bt Hamad Medjedovic (Srb) 6-2, 7-6(3); Jay Clarke (GBr) bt Dimitar Kuzmanov (Bul) 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; Sumit Nagal bt Jason Jung (Tpe) 3-6, 6-2, 6-0; Max Purcell (Aus) bt Petr Nouza (Cze) 7-5 6-3.

Doubles: Quarterfinals: N. Sriram Balaji & Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan bt Sumit Nagal & Mukund Sasikumar 7-6(5), 6-0; Jay Clarke (GBr) & Arjun Kadhe bt Nam Ji Sung & Min-kyu Song (Kor) 1-6, 7-6(8), [10-8]; Sebastian Ofner (Aut) & Nino Serdarusic (Cro) bt Ryan Peniston (GBr) & Dalibor Svrcina (Cze) 6-1, 6-7(3), 10-4; Petr Nouza (Cze) & Andrew Paulson (Cze) bt Francesco Maestrelli & Luca Nardi (Ita) 6-3, 6-4.

It's Dynamic Force vs Sassy in feature

BENGALURU: Dynamic Force and Sassy may fight out the finish of the Bangalore Juvenile Million (1,400m), the chief event of the races to be held here on Friday, Feb 17 (advanced from Saturday, Feb 18). False rails (width about 9m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 SUNDAY SILENCE PLATE (Div. II), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 2.30 p.m.: 1. Queen Regnant (10) Bhawani S 60, 2. Klockner (9) Srinath 59.5, 3. Realia (11) P. Mani 58.5, 4. Top Dancer (5) Indrajeet S 57.5, 5. Ozark (2) L.A. Rozario 55.5, 6. Baroness (4) Angad 54.5, 7. Altair (7) Arvind K 54, 8. She's Innocent (8) Likith Appu 54, 9. Twilight Fame (3) Rayan 53.5, 10. Ultimate Chance (1) Tousif 53.5, 11. First Royalist (12) Nazerul 52.5 and 12. Sling Shot (6) S. Saqlain 52.5.

1. KLOCKNER, 2. SLING SHOT, 3. SHE'S INNOCENT

2 SUBARNAREKHA PLATE (1,600m), rated 00 to 25, 5-y-o & over, 3.00: 1. Sekhmet (2) Nazerul 62, 2. Memorable Time (3) A. Imran 61.5, 3. Ring Master (5) R. Pradeep 61.5, 4. Rorito (10) Ashok K 61.5, 5. Thunderstruck (12) Arvind K 60.5, 6. My Vision (11) Rayan 60, 7. Altamonte (9) Vivek 59, 8. Elite Agent (8) Angad 57.5, 9. Marco Polo (1) C. Umesh 57.5, 10. Russian Romance (4) M. Prabhakaran 56.5, 11. Regal Force (7) Likith Appu 52 and 12. Sand Castles (6) Arshad 52.

1. MEMORABLE TIME, 2. MY VISION, 3. ALTAMONTE

3 CHARMINAR PLATE (1,800m), rated 20 to 45, 3-30: 1 Stormy Ocean (6) I. Chisty 62.5, 2. Roman Power (2) S. John 61, 3. Twilight Tornado (8) Srinath 61, 4. Triumphant (7) Suraj 58, 5. Born King (4) Darshan 56.5, 6. Banksy (1) Vinod Shinde 55, 7. Bruce Almighty (5) Rayan 53 and 8. Solid Power (3) S. Saqlain 52.5.

1. STORMY OCEAN, 2. TRIUMPHANT, 3. TWILIGHT TORNADO

4 DR. T. THIMMAIAH MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 4.00: 1. Silver Ikon (4) Chethan G 62, 2. Eternal Princess (7) Vinod Shinde 58, 3. Extraordinary (5) Arvind K 58, 4. Silver Dew (6) Darshan 57, 5. English Bay (2) Ashok K 55.5, 6. Devils Magic (1) I. Chisty 54.5, 7. Secretsuperstar (8) Likith Appu 54.5, 8. Montelena (3) L.A. Rozario 54, 9. Aherne (9) S. Saqlain 50.5 and 10. Lauterbrunnen (10) Angad 50.

1. DEVILS MAGIC, 2. AHERNE, 3. MONTELENA

5 BANGALORE JUVENILE MILLION (1,400m), 3-y-o only, (Terms), 4.30: 1. Cat Whiskers (4) Neeraj 55, 2. Dynamic Force (1) P.S. Chouhan 55, 3. Anzac Pipernal (2) S. Saqlain 53.5 and 4. Sassy (3) Suraj 53.5.

1. DYNAMIC FORCE, 2. SASSY

6 SHARAVATHI PLATE (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 5-y-o & over, 5.00: 1. Divine Ray (11) S. John 62, 2. Galactical (8) Salman K 57.5, 3. Flying Quest (1) Likith Appu 56.5, 4. Four Wheel Drive (7) Srinath 56, 5. Golden Vision (2) M. Prabhakaran 56, 6. Peluche (5) L.A. Rozario 56, 7. Striking Memory (4) S. Saqlain 55.5, 8. Classic Charm (12) Darshan 54.5, 9. See My Heels (10) Vinod Shinde 54.5, 10. Scribbling Hopper (9) Nazerul 53, 11. Panama (6) Arshad 52.5 and 12. Lycurgus (3) I. Chisty 52.

1. STRIKING MEMORY, 2. FOUR WHEEL DRIVE, 3. DIVINE RAY

7 SUNDAY SILENCE PLATE (Div. I), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 5-30: 1. Dragon's Gold (2) I. Chisty 62, 2. Good Time Indeed (5) Tousif 60.5, 3. Beldona (11) Srinath 60, 4. Hope Island (10) S. John 60, 5. Osiris (9) Arvind K 60, 6. Super Ruffian (4) Darshan 60, 7. The Strength (8) P. Mani 59, 8. Air Display (1) L.A. Rozario 57.5, 9. Sacred Creator (6) Rayan 55, 10. Aferpi (3) Angad 54, 11. Princess Jasmine (7) Vinod Shinde 54 and 12. Je Ne Sais Quoi (12) C. Umesh 53.5.

1. HOPE ISLAND, 2. BELDONA, 3. DRAGON'S GOLD

Day's best: **HOPE ISLAND**

Double: **MEMORABLE TIME - DEVILS MAGIC**

Jkt: 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7; Tr (i): 2, 3 and 4; (ii): 5, 6 and 7.

IN COMMAND

Aggressive England takes control of first Test on opening day

High-octane batting and a precocious day-one declaration put England in control of the first Test against New Zealand here on Thursday. The Black Caps limped to 37 for three at stumps.
The scores: England 325/9 in 58.2 overs (Duckett 84, Pope 42, Brook 89, Foakes 38; Wagner 4/82) vs New Zealand 37/3 in 18 overs.

TAKING OVER

Hope, Powell new West Indies white-ball captains

Shai Hope was named West Indies ODI captain and Rovman Powell the new Twenty20 International skipper. Their appointments on Wednesday came after Nicholas Pooran stepped down from both positions in November following West Indies' early elimination at the T20 World Cup in Australia.

MAKING PROGRESS

Sindhu, Prannoy & Treesa-Gayatri put India in the quarterfinals

P.V. Sindhu and H.S. Prannoy won their singles matches as India beat Malaysia and entered the quarterfinals of the Asia mixed team badminton championships in Dubai on Thursday. Though the men's pair of Dhruv Kapila and Chirag Shetty lost, the women's duo of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand gave India an unbeatable lead.

SECOND SUCCESS

Plucky Bengaluru Torpedoes scores over Chennai Blitz

Bengaluru Torpedoes recorded its second win in four matches defeating Chennai Blitz 15-11, 8-15, 15-10, 15-13, 10-15 in the Prime Volleyball League championship in Hyderabad on Thursday. For Chennai, this is the second loss in three matches. Ibin Jose of Bengaluru was the 'Player-of-the-match'.

India looks comfortably poised to retain the Border-Gavaskar Trophy

Australia has a few demons to slay in order to tackle the 'slow and low bounce' the Kotla is infamous for; all pre-match talk is about another 'turner' that could bring about another early end; toss could be crucial as the pacers are likely to dominate the first session before the spinners take over

AUSTRALIA IN INDIA

Rakesh Rao
NEW DELHI

Riddled with self-doubt, injuries and lack of skill-sets in dealing with spin-friendly surfaces, Australia faces a cautious and upbeat India in its bid to prevent the host from retaining the Border-Gavaskar Trophy with two Tests to spare.

Contrary to popular perception, the second encounter of the four-Test series beginning at the Ferozeshah Kotla here on Friday could last longer than the eight sessions of action seen at Nagpur.

Good news for batters

Unlike the weather in the Orange City, the cooler temperatures here carry a lot of moisture, and that could lead to the pitch staying batter-friendly for more sessions. The cool mornings and evenings, coupled with breezy afternoons suggest that the faster bowlers could also be on view longer than they did in the first Test.

Strangely, all pre-match talk is about another 'turner' that could see an early end, with a day or days to spare. No wonder, Australia has reason to be worried about the 'slow and low bounce' this ground is infamous for when facing spinners like R. Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja and Axar Patel.

Even as the Australians prepare to deal with spin, they could also test the opposition by including a third spinner.

Left-arm spinners Ashton Agar and debutant Matthew Kuhnemann along with the off-spin of batting all-rounder Travis Head offer a choice to the visiting team to go with the duo of Nathan Lyon and Todd Murphy. However, it is not an easy decision to make. The inclusion of a specialist left-arm spinner clearly weakens Australia's batting line-up. Should Australia go with Head by dropping a batter, it will end up fielding three off-spinners. This decision clearly appears unwise.

With the team management undecided on the inclusion of the yet-to-recover duo of all-rounder Cameron Green and speedster Mitchell Starc, Australia's options look limited.

Will he, won't he?

Unlike Australia, India has fewer selection issues. If India decides to tinker with its winning combination, then it would be interesting to see whether coach Rahul Dravid finally takes a tough call to drop K.L. Rahul for Shubman Gill or a fit-again Shreyas Iyer nudges out Suryakumar Yadav.

Toss could be crucial since the pacers could dominate the morning session and spinners could take over as the match progresses. Since batting fourth does not appear a good choice, much will depend on how the batters perform on the first day.

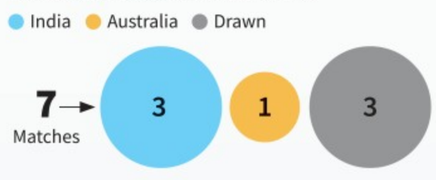
The teams (from):
India: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), K.L. Rahul (Vice-Capt.), Shubman Gill, Cheteshwar Pujara, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, Suryakumar Yadav, K.S. Bharat, Ishan Kishan, R. Ashwin, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Ravindra Jadeja, Mohammed Shami, Mohammed Siraj and Umesh Yadav.
Australia: Pat Cummins (Capt.), David Warner, Usman Khawaja, Marnus Labuschagne, Steve Smith (Vice-Capt.), Matthew Renshaw, Alex Carey, Cameron Green, Peter Handscomb, Travis Head, Mitchell Starc, Todd Murphy, Matt Kunhemann, Lance Morris, Nathan Lyon, Mitchell Swepson, Ashton Agar, Scott Boland and Josh Hazlewood.
Umpires: Michael Gough, Nitin Menon; **TV Umpire:** Richard Illingworth; **Match referee:** Andy Pycroft.
Match starts at 9.30 a.m.

Back where it began

The Border-Gavaskar Trophy show witnessed its opening episode at the Ferozeshah Kotla* in 1996

Kotla Kings: Wadekar, Bedi and Prasanna, the heroes of the 1969 Test against Australia. Mongia and Kumble were the architects of India's win in 1996 while Jadeja and Ashwin teased and tormented the Aussies in the 2013 Test. THE HINDU ARCHIVES

INDIA-AUSTRALIA IN KOTLA TESTS



1959: Australia won by **an innings and 127 runs**
1969: India won by **7 wickets**
1979: Drawn
1986: Drawn
1996: India won by **seven wickets**
2008: Drawn
2013: India won by **six wickets**

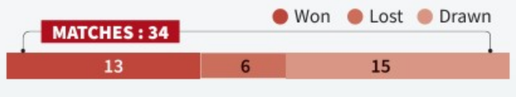
SUCCESS STORIES

1 In 1969, after conceding a 73-run lead, India turned the tables on Australia. **Bedi and Prasanna combined to spin out the visitors for 107 in their second essay,** equally sharing the 10 wickets between them (the two had taken four each in the first innings). Wadekar's unbeaten 91 then guided the team home

2 In the maiden Border-Gavaskar Trophy contest in 1996, **India rode on Nayan Mongia's 152** to score 361 in reply to Australia's 182. **Kumble, who claimed four in the first innings, scalped five in the second** as the hosts shot out the Aussies for 234, leaving the side with a target of 56. It was a one-Test series

3 In 2013, India completed a 4-0 whitewash, winning the fourth and final Test on the third day itself as **Ashwin (5/57 & 2/55) and Jadeja (2/40 & 5/58) wreaked havoc.** Lyon bowled his heart out for the visitors, finishing with nine wickets in the Test

INDIA IN TESTS IN NEW DELHI (OVERALL)



Opening game: vs. West Indies, 1948 (Result: Drawn)
Latest match: vs. Sri Lanka, 2017 (Drawn)
India's highest total: 613/7 decl. vs. Australia, 2008 (Drawn)
Lowest total: 75 vs. West Indies, 1987 (WI won by five wickets)

MILESTONES AND MOMENTS

- **Kumble achieved the rarest of rare feats - Perfect 10** - in the second innings of the 1999 Test against Pakistan
- **M. Vijay and Kohli forged the best-ever alliance** for any wicket at Kotla, adding 283 for the third wicket against Sri Lanka in 2017
- **Kohli's 243** against Sri Lanka in 2017 **remains the highest at the venue**
- **Ashwin (3 five-fors, 4 Tests) and Jadeja (2 five-fors, 3 Tests)** have performed well in Delhi
- **Lyon bagged a seven-for** in the first innings of the 2013 Test against India

COMPILED BY R. NARAYANAN AND G. PRASAD | GRAPHIC: KARTHICK S.T. * Ferozeshah Kotla was renamed Arun Jaitley Stadium in 2019 | SOURCE: ESPNCRICINFO

Let the bat do the talking, says Pujara

Raring to go: Pujara, right, will look to make his 100th Test a grand one while Ashwin will be keen to continue the good run. R.V. MOORTHY

Rakesh Rao
NEW DELHI

Another chapter is set to be added to Cheteshwar Pujara's memorable tales featuring Australia.

Ahead of a landmark 100th Test appearance on Friday, the gritty batter was all praise for the team's approach on the playfield. "Australia has a good fighting spirit. No matter what the situation of the game is, they will always challenge you as an opponent," acknowledged Pujara here on Thursday.

Interestingly, out of Pujara's choice of his five best knocks, four have come against Australia. For the record, Pujara lists the 72 on debut in 2010, 92 in 2017, both in Bengaluru, 123 in 2018 in Adelaide and 56 in 2021 in Brisbane as among his favourite innings, in addition to the 153 in 2013 at Johannesburg, South Africa.

"I had to work hard to score those runs," said Pujara and continued, "They play as a unit. They're always vocal, even on the field. So there's a little bit of banter going on, and sometimes that motivates me a little more because I'm not someone who will try and talk back at them. The best thing that you can do as a cricketer is to score runs and let the bat do the talking. So yes, they have been a challenging opposition."

Meanwhile, Australian skipper Pat Cummins stayed tight-lipped about the playing XI.

"Having a right-hander (in a yet-to-recover Cameron Green) helps and him providing our fifth bowling option certainly helps the team function well," he said.

India's 100-Test club

The players who have represented the country in 100 or more Tests:

	Tests
Tendulkar	200
Dravid	163
Laxman	134
Kumble	132
Kapil Dev	131
Gavaskar	125
Vengsarkar	116
Ganguly	113
Kohli	105
Ishant	105
Harbhajan	103
Sehwag	103

- **Pujara will play in his 100th Test when he takes the field on Friday**
- Dravid and Sehwag also played one Test for ICC World XI

Australia too good for Sri Lanka

Agence France-Presse
GQEBERHA (SOUTH AFRICA)

The Australian openers, Alyssa Healy and Beth Mooney, powered the team to a thumping 10-wicket win over Sri Lanka in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup on Thursday.

Chasing a target of 113, the Australians won in 15.5 overs.

On Wednesday, Muneeba Ali (102) hit Pakistan's first century in the Women's T20 World Cup to set up a 70-run win against Ireland in Cape Town.

The scores:

Sri Lanka 112/8 in 20 overs (Harshitha Samarawickrama 34, Megan Schutt 4/24) lost to Australia 113/0 in 15.5 overs (Alyssa Healy 54 n.o., Beth Mooney 56 n.o.).

Pakistan 165/5 in 20 overs (Muneeba Ali 102, Nida Dar 33) bt Ireland 95 in 16.3 overs (Orla Prendergast 31, Nashra Sandhu 4/18).

Adeyemi's counter stuns Chelsea

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Associated Press
DORTMUND

Karim Adeyemi sprinted the length of the field to score the only goal as Borussia Dortmund beat Chelsea 1-0 on Wednesday to leave its big-spending British opponent's Champions League campaign in jeopardy after the first leg of their last-16 meeting.

Chelsea created – and missed – many of the best chances before a lightning counterattack broke the deadlock for Dortmund.

After Chelsea's Joao Felix missed a headed chance on a corner, the German team launched into the counter as Adeyemi surged down the field, beating Enzo Fernandez before rounding goalkeeper Kepa Arrizabalaga and scoring into the empty net.

Adeyemi celebrated with a backflip.

Adeyemi had an empty net to aim at after surging forward. AP

Joao Mario scored from the penalty spot and substitute David Neres added a second goal with two minutes left as Benfica took a step toward the Champions League quarterfinals with a 2-0 victory over Club Brugge.

The results: Club Brugge 0 lost to Benfica 2 (Joao Mario 51-pen, Neres 88); Borussia Dortmund 1 (Adeyemi 63) bt Chelsea 0.

Slick Man City sinks Arsenal, seizes the top spot

EURO LEAGUES

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

Manchester City earned a crucial 3-1 win against title rival Arsenal as the resurgent champion knocked the Gunners off the top of the Premier League on Wednesday.

Pep Guardiola's side showed it is not ready to surrender the title with a ruthless display of finishing that lifted it above Arsenal on goal difference.

Kevin De Bruyne put City ahead in the first half at the Emirates Stadium and, although Bukayo Saka equalised with a controversial penalty, Jack Grealish landed the vital blow in the second half when he restored the visitors' lead.

Erling Haaland's 26th goal in 22 league appearances for City sealed Arsenal's fate.

Taking the lead: Grealish fires in City's second against Arsenal. GETTY IMAGES

In the most eagerly anticipated Premier League clash this season, City seized the momentum in the title race.

Although Arsenal has a game in hand that could tip the balance back in its favour, City headed home with renewed belief it can win its fight for a fifth title in six seasons.

Having trailed Arsenal by eight points a month ago, Guardiola's men have won four of their last five league games, while Arsenal has stumbled.

But the race could yet reach a memorable climax, with City due to host Arsenal on April 26 in what is shaping up to be a do-or-die showdown for both. The Gunners are bidding for their first Premier League title since 2003-04.

The results: Premier League: Arsenal 1 (Saka 42-pen) lost to Manchester City 3 (De Bruyne 24, Grealish 72, Haaland 82).
LaLiga: Real Madrid 4 (Asensio 8, Benzema 31-pen, 45+1-pen, Modric 80) bt Elche 0.

CFC beats Goa; BFC, Blasters in playoffs

ISL-9

Press Trust of India
MARGAO

Chennaiyin FC dealt a massive blow to FC Goa's playoff hopes with a 2-1 win in the Indian Super League on Thursday.

In the 10th minute, Julius Duker rode on Edu Bedia's tackle in midfield before sliding through an inch-perfect pass to Vincy Barretto. The winger picked out Karikari who side-footed the ball home.

Four minutes into the second half, Sadaoui brought Goa level. Bedia played a long ball towards the left flank from the midfield, but Sadaoui escaped his marker and drilled the ball home.

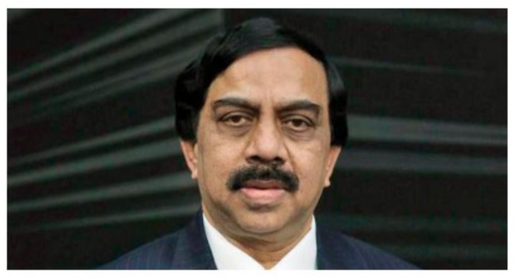
In the 72nd minute, Anirudh Thapa won the race with Dheeraj Moirangthem to reach a loose back pass from Bedia. As Thapa took the ball away from goal, Dheeraj fouled the midfielder and conceded a penalty. Karikari stepped up to take the spot kick and scored his second goal of the evening.

Karikari. FILE PHOTO: R. RAGU

Goa's loss confirmed the playoff berths of Bengaluru FC and Kerala Blasters.

The result: FC Goa 1 (Sadaoui 49) lost to Chennaiyin FC 2 (Karikari 10 & 73-pen).

INBRIEF



Govindraj set to become FIBA Asia president

Basketball Federation of India (BFI) president K. Govindraj is set to become the FIBA Asia president. As there is no other candidate for the post, Govindraj's position will be ratified at the upcoming FIBA Asia Congress, it was announced in Bengaluru on Thursday.

ICC apologises for glitch that showed India as Test No. 1

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has apologised for the technical glitch that saw India displace Australia at the No.1 spot in men's Test team rankings on Wednesday. Hours after India had 'topped' the ranking, the ICC issued another updated list that showed Rohit Sharma's side back at No. 2. On Thursday, the game's global body admitted the error and said in a statement that the "ICC acknowledges, for a short period of time on February 15, 2023 that, due to a technical error, India were erroneously displayed as the No. 1 Test team on the ICC website. We apologise for any inconvenience caused."

Tamil Nadu crushes Andaman & Nicobar 32-0

Tamil Nadu recorded a 32-0 victory over Andaman & Nicobar in the league phase of the Hockey India senior National women's championship at Kakinada on Thursday. Sabarimaharimathanana scored nine goals for the winner. In another match, Maharashtra posted a comfortable 7-0 win over Puducherry.

The results: Tamil Nadu 32 (S. Soniya 7, Malarvizhi 2, Sabarimaharimathanana 9, Leemaroshni 3, Nandini Krishnamurthy 3, S. Jayapratha, Janani, Nishanthini, S. Santhanamary, S. Priyanga) bt Andaman & Nicobar 0. Maharashtra 7 (Akansha Singh, S.A. Kajal, N.S. Manashri, Lalhlunmawii, B.S. Shalini, S.S. Shivani) bt Puducherry 0.

India team for FIBA World Cup 2023 Asian Qualifiers

The Indian men's basketball team will play two home matches in the FIBA World Cup 2023 Asian Qualifiers (Window-6) next week. India will take on Jordan on February 24, and Saudi Arabia on Feb. 27. Both matches will be held at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium, Bengaluru.

The squad: Muin Bek Hafeez, Arvind Kumar, Harsh Dagar, Sejin Mathew, Pratyanshu Tomar, Prashant Singh Rawat, Amarendra Nayak, Piyush Meena, Lokendra Singh, Aryan, K.S. Ulhas, Gurbaz Sandhu. **Head coach:** Veselin Matic; **Coaches:** Umashankar and P.S. Santosh.

University of Mysore triumphs in all-India netball

University of Mysore defeated Visvesvaraya Technological University 65-59 in the all-India inter-University men's netball championship, organised by Soundarya College of Law and Karnataka State Law University.

Girma breaks 25-year-old 3,000m World indoor record

Ethiopia's Lamecha Girma shattered the 25-year-old World indoor 3,000m record on Wednesday by more than one second at the Lievin meeting. Girma clocked 7:23.81s to better the old mark of 7:24.90s set by Kenya's Daniel Komen in Budapest in February 1998. Spaniard Mohamed Katir broke the European record in 7:24.68s to come in second.

TV PICKS

New Zealand vs England: 1st Test, day 2, Prime Video, 6.30 a.m.
India vs Australia: 2nd Test, day 1, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.
Ranji Trophy: Final, Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.
Badminton: Asia Mixed Team C'ships, Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 12.30 p.m.
I-League: Eurosport (SD & HD), 4.30 p.m.
Women's T20 World Cup: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 6.30 & 10.30 p.m.
PVL: Sony Sports Ten 1, 2, 3 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7 p.m.
ISL: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.
Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 1 a.m. (Saturday).
Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 1.15 a.m. (Saturday).
LaLiga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 1.30 a.m. (Saturday).

Rescue act: Porel, left, and Shahbaz got together with Bengal on a dire 65 for six and carved out a century partnership. PTI

Shahbaz, Porel save Bengal the blushes after poor start

Unadkat and Sakariya wreak havoc with five strikes in just over an hour; Harvik Desai builds on Saurashtra's advantage with an aggressive approach

RANJI FINAL

Y.B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

Southpaws Shahbaz Ahmed and Abishek Porel, with brilliant half-centuries in a seventh-wicket 100-run partnership, saved Bengal the blushes following a disastrous start on the opening day of the Ranji Trophy final against Saurashtra at the Eden Gardens here on Thursday.

Saurashtra captain Jaydev Unadkat elected to bowl and made life difficult for the batters on a greenish surface. Unadkat and company bundled Bengal out for 174 in the first innings and posted 81 for two.

Striking in tandem

Left-arm pacers Unadkat and Chetan Sakariya operated in tandem to wreak havoc. They hit the right line and length and extracted impressive bounce and movement to remove five batters in a little over an hour.

Unadkat drew first blood in the opening over as Abhimanyu Easwaran was caught at forward short-leg for a duck. Sakariya landed a double blow in the second over.

Thirty-two-year-old debutant Sumanta Gupta was caught at second slip and Sudip Gharami was bowled shouldering arms.

Skipper Manoj Tiwary stretched out against Unadkat to be held at gully and Anustup Majumdar edged Chirag Jani behind. Akash Ghatak became Sakariya's third victim as Bengal tottered at 65 for six.

The experienced Shahbaz (69, 112b, 11x4) and the young Abishek (50, 98b, 8x4) then batted with determination, playing each delivery on merit.

With the pitch easing out, the duo gathered runs at a faster pace in the middle session – during which they reached their fifties and completed a superb 101-run stand.

The two played some confident shots to the ropes. While Shahbaz primarily relied on cuts and flicks, Abishek chose drives and cuts. They also rotated the strike amidst encouraging support from the nearly 3,000 partisan spectators.

The defiant stand ended with spinner Dharmendra Jadeja having Shahbaz, who had a reprieve as a catch off Prerak Mankad was disallowed prior to lunch, caught at short-leg at the stroke of tea.

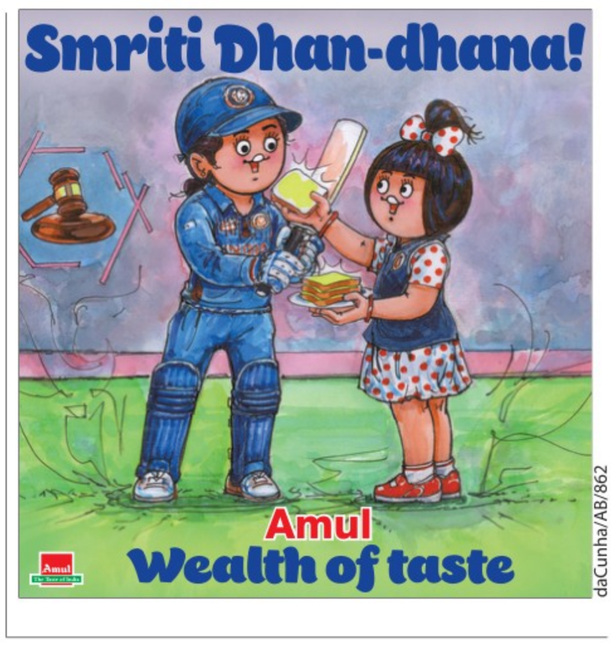
At 42, Abishek resorted to the DRS to survive an lbw decision and get his second consecutive half-century.

He departed soon, playing Jani to first slip.

Dharmendra and Unadkat, who secured three wickets to claim 300 Ranji wickets, closed the Bengal innings early in the final session.

Saurashtra had a flying start as Harvik Desai hammered the wayward Bengal pacers. Akash Deep and Mukesh Kumar got a wicket apiece to limit the damage.

The scores:
Bengal — 1st innings: Sumanta Gupta c Jackson b Sakariya 1, Abhimanyu Easwaran c Gohil b Unadkat 0, Sudip Gharami b Sakariya 0, Anustup Majumdar c Desai b Jani 16, Manoj Tiwary c Vishvaraj b Unadkat 7, Akash Ghatak c Unadkat b Sakariya 17, Shahbaz Ahmed c Vishvaraj b Dharmendra 69, Abishek Porel c Mankad b Jani 50, Akash Deep c Unadkat b Dharmendra 4, Mukesh Kumar c&b Unadkat 1, Ishan Porel (not out) 0; Extras (lb-7, nb-2): 9; Total (in 54.1 overs): 174.
Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-1, 3-2, 4-17, 5-34, 6-65, 7-166, 8-172, 9-174.
Saurashtra bowling: Unadkat 13.1-3-44-3, Sakariya 13-4-33-3, Jani 11-2-33-2, Mankad 11-4-38-0, Dharmendra 6-1-19-2.
Saurashtra — 1st innings: Harvik Desai (batting) 38, Jay Gohil b Deep 6, Vishvaraj Jadeja c Abishek b Mukesh 25, Chetan Sakariya (batting) 2; Extras (b-5, lb-1, nb-4): 10; Total (for two wkts. in 17 overs): 81.
Fall of wickets: 1-38, 2-73.
Bengal bowling: Mukesh 6-1-23-1, Deep 8-1-28-1, Ghatak 1-0-10-0, Ishan 1-0-12-0, Shahbaz 1-0-2-0.
Toss: Bengal.



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There is no point playing defensive cricket: Saurashtra coach Odedra

Y.B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

Saurashtra coach Niraj Odedra said his bowlers made the most of the conditions to put the side in an advantageous position against Bengal on the first day of the Ranji Trophy final at the Eden Gardens here on Thursday.

"It was a good day for us. I was pretty sure it depended on how much moisture was there on the pitch than the grass. Early in the morning we saw some moisture. We made sure to make use of the advantage," said Odedra.

Odedra said his team will look to gather as many runs as possible. "There is no point playing defensive brand of cricket. We will play on the merit of the ball. If it's there to defend, we will defend. If it's a loose delivery, we will go for it.

"You cannot predict the (ideal) score. On this kind of pitch a smaller lead will not be of help. You need to make sure that you play as long as possible."

Bengal captain Manoj Tiwary eyed a comeback while expecting a more disciplined performance from his bowlers. "Definitely, there's a scope for a comeback. Still four days to go. Most importantly, it's for us to utilise the first hour's play tomorrow.

"Our pacers have performed well throughout the season. If they are able to replicate the same, we still can fight back.

"We never had this sort of a start this season and it had to happen in the opening session of the final. Obviously, we were not good enough. But credit to Shahbaz (Ahmed) and (Abishek) Porel to take us to a position from where we can bounce back.

"Abishek played well. It was tough in the opening session. They handled the pressure well. Overall, we needed that partnership. Abishek is young. If he has the right mindset, he can succeed," said Tiwary.

Payas Jain retains under-19 title

TABLE TENNIS

Special Correspondent
CHENNAI

Payas Jain of Delhi defeated Divyansh Srivastava of Uttar Pradesh 13-11, 11-6, 11-7, 8-11, 11-4 to retain the youth boys' u-19 singles title in the UTT-84th interstate National youth and junior National table tennis championships here on Thursday. Payas got ₹72,000 while Divyansh received ₹36,000.

The results (finals): Youth Boys: U-19: Payas Jain (Del) bt Divyansh Srivastava (UP) 13-11, 11-6, 11-7, 8-11, 11-4. **Doubles:** Varun Ganesh & Preyesh Suresh Raj (TN) bt Ankur Bhattacharjee & Soumyadeep Sarkar (WB) 11-7, 11-9, 11-6.
U-17: Ankur Bhattacharjee (WB) bt Preyesh Suresh Raj (TNTTA) 11-5, 11-8, 11-6, 11-6. **Doubles:** Ankur Bhattacharjee & Punit Biswas (WB) bt Muthu Rajasekaran & Preyesh Suresh Raj (TN) 12-10, 11-9, 11-5.

Payas. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Legendary Indian footballer Tulsidas Balaram is no more

Sports Bureau
KOLKATA

The last surviving member of Indian football's 'golden trinity', Tulsidas Balaram, 86, breathed his last at a city hospital on Thursday after a long fight with age-related ailments.

He was considered one of the heroes of India's golden triumph in the 1962 Asian Games at Jakarta.

The first two members of the 'invincible trio,' P.K. Banerjee and Chuni Goswami passed away in successive months in 2020.

Famous for his sublime abilities as a forward, Balaram was also known for his versatility.

While P.K. and Chuni excelled in purely attacking positions, Balaram moulded his skills to suit different positions and would often play as a half-back to bolster the attack. This made Balaram arguably the best complete footballer India has ever seen.

Tulsidas Balaram. FILE PHOTO: SHANKER CHAKRAVARTY

Born on October 4, 1936, in Secunderabad, Balaram made his mark as an outstanding footballer much before he had crossed his teens.

He was spotted by coach Syed Abdul Rahim when he came to play Ryder's Cup in Hyderabad.

By 1956 he was part of the Hyderabad Santosh Trophy team and his outstanding performance earned him a berth in the Indian team in the 1956 Melbourne Olympics.

Balaram played two matches as India became the first Asian team to reach the Olympic semifinal.

He played another three matches in the 1960 Rome Olympics where he scored two goals (against Hungary and Peru).

After India lost the bronze medal match in the 1958 Tokyo Asian Games, Balaram, with his versatility, inspired a great turnaround in the next edition at Jakarta.

Abrupt end

Balaram abruptly ended his career in 1962 following a disagreement with East Bengal officials. He scored 104 goals for East Bengal and fetched numerous trophies and titles in the six years he was active with the club.

National record could fall early this year: triple jumper Chithravel

ATHLETICS

Stan Rayan
KOCHI

With his performance graph fluctuating wildly the last few years, triple jumper Praveen Chithravel has often left athletics aficionados confused. He could do 17m one day and fall to 15 the next.

Now, after opening his season with an impressive 16.98m for the Indoor Asians silver in Kazakhstan last week, Chithravel feels this could be a very memorable year.

"The goal is to do more than 17.40m this year. I need to jump something like 17.40 or 17.50m, that sort of process is going on and it's going good," said Chithravel in a chat with *The Hindu* on Thursday.

Chithravel

The 21-year-old will have plenty of opportunities for the big jumps this year is packed with the Asian Championships (July, Thailand), Worlds (Hungary, August) and Asian Games (September, China).

But a lot could happen before that.

"Now we have four or five jumpers over 17m, they are pushing me. There's a good chance that one of us could break the national record on March 2 itself (at their domestic season-opening Jumps Indian Open in Ballari)," said the triple jumper, who is third in the country's all-time list (17.18m, Chennai, 2022).

Sawyer appointed RCB head coach for inaugural WPL

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

Royal Challengers Bangalore announced Ben Sawyer as the women team's Head Coach for the inaugural Women's Premier League.

Sawyer has been in charge of the New Zealand women's cricket team and was also the assistant coach of Australia women's cricket team.

Sawyer was the head coach of Sydney Sixers in the Women's Big Bash League, guiding the side to two titles in 2016-17 and 2017-18.

Malolan Rangarajan, who is the Head of Scouting for RCB, will be the Assistant Head Coach.

Ben Sawyer. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Mike Hesson, Director of Cricket at RCB's men's franchise will be in charge of the WPL team too.

RX Murali, a much sought-after cricketing brain in Bengaluru, has been appointed the Batting Coach, while former India women's cricketer V.R. Vanitha will be the Fielding Coach.

The team:
Director of Cricket: Mike Hesson (IPL & WPL).
Head Coach: Ben Sawyer.
Assistant Head Coach: Malolan Rangarajan (WPL) & Head of Scouting (IPL & WPL).
Batting Coach: RX Murali.
Fielding Coach: V.R. Vanitha.